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New Advertisements Continued on Page Eight.

ARMENIAN REFORMS.

Resolutions Adopted in London Submitted to the Earl of Kimberly.

Britain, France and Russia Represented on the Commission of Inquiry.

LONDON, Dec 18.—Prof. Zet and Messrs. F. S. Stevenson, C. E. Schwann and F. A. Channing called to-day upon Lord Kimberly, secretary for foreign affairs, and presented to him the resolutions adopted at a mass meeting held in London yesterday under the auspices of the Armenian society to protest against the Turkish atrocities in Armenia. A long conference was held in which the delegation submitted proposals for reforms in Armenia. Lord Kimberly expressed sympathy with the movement and promised to consider the proposals.

The British, French and Russian governments have informed the Porte that they will send delegates to represent them on the commission to investigate the Armenian trouble. The commission will probably sit in Moosh. Great Britain's representative will be H. Shipley, vice-consul at Monastir.

The Daily News says that Great Britain, France and Russia have informed the Porte that their delegates would not form part of the commission or join in drawing up the report. It appears that these powers did not ask permission to send delegates. It is rumored that this step precludes joint action by the powers to secure the execution of the reforms in accordance with the Berlin treaty.

An Armenian newspaper in Tiflis says that the news of the appointment of a commission with foreign members has greatly changed the behavior of the Turkish officials toward the Armenians, many of whom have been released from prison. One Kurdish chief has been ordered to Constantinople, and others are kept in check.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

Threatened Libel Suits—Full Investigations Into Municipal Concerns—Railway Between Winnipeg and Duluth.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 18 —(Special)—Ald. Jameson and other gentlemen who were in the Winnipeg council at the time the Electric street railway franchise was granted, threaten to bring an action against Mr. Austin, of Toronto, if the letters written by him are of the libellous nature that the dispatches would indicate. Ex-Ald. Bull and several other gentlemen at the council board are determined to have the fullest investigation.

Premier Greenway and Attorney-General Sifton are in St. Paul. It is said their mission is in connection with the proposed line of railway between this city and Duluth. This is the report current to-day.

STILL NO TIDINGS.

Theory of a Prominent Sea Captain as to the "Montserrat" and "Keweenaw's" Fate.

Both Vessels Supposed to Have Sunk at Sea—Other Ships Causing Much Anxiety.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—The steamer Umatilla, from Victoria, due yesterday morning, did not get in till midnight. She reports bad weather all along the coast. The State of California, also overdue, arrived early this morning after a very rough passage from Portland. Neither steamer brings any news of the missing Keweenaw and Montserrat. A faint hope is still held out that one vessel may be assisting the other. There are few who cling to this belief, and those who were the earnest supporters at the start have very little to say. In an interview with Captain Mosher to-day the captain asserted that he had not much hope of ever seeing the two steamers. There was every likelihood that the Keweenaw had broken down. Captain Blackburn, fearless as he was, had, he thought, gone to her assistance and during the struggle to get a hawser to the Keweenaw, both vessels came into collision and went down. The whereabouts of the barks Columbia and Germania are not known. While fears are not expressed for the Columbia, considerable anxiety is felt for the safety of the Germania. The latter vessel is nearly forty-five years old, and with her coal cargo there is fear that she did not come through the gales successfully.

NOVELIST STEVENSON.

Death Caused by Paralysis of the Brain—His Latest Novel—An Irreparable Loss to Letters.

LONDON, Dec. 18 —An Auckland dispatch to the Star contains a few details of the death of Novelist Stevenson on the evening of December 3. Stevenson remarked to his wife that he felt a strange pain in his head. Almost immediately afterward he fell back senseless and never regained consciousness. He died two hours later. The cause of his death was paralysis of the brain.

Andrew Lang, in a column sketch written for the News, says: "In a letter which I received from him only last week, he displayed for the first time in his correspondence and my long friendship to him, a certain anxiety about himself. He was haunted with a dread of paralysis and some lingering mental malady like Dean Swift's."

The News learns that Mr. Stevenson's new novel entitled "Northern Lights," was completed shortly before his death, and will be published soon. It says editorially: Mr. Stevenson's loss is irreparable to letters, because no other writer of our time approached him in breadth, variety and appeal."

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CAPITAL NOTES.

Sir C. H. Tupper Announces the Success of His Visit to British Columbia.

Water Famine at Ottawa—Thompson Testimonial Fund Satisfactorily Increasing.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Sir Charles Tupper, in the course of an interview to-night relative to his B.C. visit, said: I accomplished most thoroughly the object of my mission. I had a very full and friendly discussion with the sealers, and obtained from them their views in regard to the proposed settlement of the Behring Sea claims. I left them without any misunderstanding on either side, having learned what they wished should be done and how matters really stand. With regard to the salmon canners I learned a vast amount of information that I could not have secured from books or the statements of officers, and I think I see my way clear to meet substantially the wishes of the canners.

There were curses loud and deep in Ottawa this morning until long after breakfast time. Seven hours all told the city had no water owing to the anchor ice getting into the turbine wheels at the pumping station. The situation was a most embarassing one and has its serious as well as comical aspects. Hundreds of citizens, not knowing what was wrong, spent hours in endeavoring to thaw out pipes which were not frozen, while others trailed along the streets with pails and pitchers on their heads begging water for breakfast.

Hon. Mr. Foster, treasurer of the Lady Thompson testimonial fund, stated to-night that the total amount of the fund up to the present is about $20,000.

SIR JOHN THOMPSON.

Warm Tribute of the Liberal Conservative Club to the Deceased Statesman.

Message of Condolence With the Widow and Family—Confidence in Mr. Bowell.

At a special and important meeting of the executive of the Liberal-Conservative Association, held last evening, with Vice-President George S. Russell in the chair, Mr. R. F. Tolmie was elected a member of the executive committee, vice Mr. William Jensen, resigned. The business of the evening was the discussion of the following resolution, which was adopted and referred for preparation and engrossing to a committee consisting of Messrs. E. Crow Baker, D. M. Eberts, Q.C., M.P.P., H. D. Helmcken, Q.C., M.P.P., A. E. McPhillips, George S. Russell and P. A. Vidler.

"The Victoria Liberal-Conservative Association in meeting assembled, in common with all the associations of Conservatives in Canada, sends a special mission of condolence to Lady Thompson and family. We mourn the loss of our great leader, the late Sir John Sparrow David Thompson, P.C., K.C.M.G., Q.C. Canada is to-day bereft of one of her greatest sons, if not her greatest—the Premier is no more. Sir John Thompson followed in the footsteps of his illustrious predecessor, Sir John A. Macdonald, who had thrown his whole life into making Canada a united Dominion, and so wonderfully succeeded that the words of Milton recur to our memory: 'A noble and puissant nation—rising like a strong man and shaking his invincible locks'

"Sir John Thompson was a jurist of whom Canada was proud, and whilst on the bench his decisions were characterized by scholarly learning. He was not, however, unmindful of his duty to his country, and in obedience to that call entered the arena of active politics to battle for the common cause. O him it may be said that he impressed all with the depth of his learning and did much to elevate with nobler principles of honesty and with a steadier morality the politics of Canada. It may be well said, in a short summary of the life of our late Premier, that he served and influenced individuals, communities, and the country as a whole, as only men of large gifts can.

"A large minded policy was ever his, and Canada in him had one who with rare diplomacy seized opportunities, and with signal judgment of power and debate broke down all opposition by the force and sincerity of his arguments. His was an unwavering reverence for religious truths and a love of country which made his heart burn and his lips overflow with eloquence. A commanding position, even the first position in the gift of the people, was his, and Her Majesty in recognition of his worth had just called him to her councils. Who can wonder that his endowments, his industry, his achievements and sturdy and masterly activities should be looked at as the record of a life fairly estimated as that of a great man?"

Mr. T. Brownlee moved, seconded by Mr. Roper, and it was resolved unanimously, "That we, the Victoria Liberal Conservative Association, do hereby express our absolute confidence in the Honorable Mackenzie Bowell as Premier, and pledge to him and to his colleagues our active support, feeling at the same time that in Hon. Mr. Bowell the party has a veteran statesman always loyal to the traditions of our country, and always true to the principles of Liberal Conservatism, and that with such a leader, even after the great loss so lately sustained, the success of the party is assured."

The meeting then adjourned without transacting further business, out of respect to the memory of the late Premier.

See the Russian Hog in Sidney Shore's window, 57 Johnson street. *

At Fell & Co.'s all kinds of Christmas condiments may be procured.

Xmas gifts were never so choice and moderate in price as at Weiler Bros'. this year. *

THE NEW CABINET.

Hon. Mr. Bowell Completes the Administration—How It is Composed.

The Premier President of the Council—Sir C. H. Tupper Minister of Justice.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—The greatest possible harmony prevails among the members of the old government, and they have agreed to accept portfolios under Mr. Bowell's leadership. Sir C. H. Tupper was about the first man to call upon Hon. Mr. Bowell this morning. They were closeted for over an hour. Later on in the day it was reported around that Sir Charles had been offered and accepted the portfolio of Justice. The vacant Nova Scotia portfolio was, as foreshadowed, offered by Hon. Mr. Bowell to Mr. Edward Kenny, sr. member for Halifax. Mr. Kenny wired to the Premier his appreciation of the honor done him, but intimated that he could not accept, and Mr. Bowell therefore asked Mr. Dickey to come to Ottawa. He will be here to-morrow. If he accepts a portfolio the personnel of the ministry will be complete. The Solicitor-General and the two controllers will retain their present offices.

Following up the advice which Mr. Bowell frequently tendered to Sir John Thompson, to take the portfolio of President of the Privy Council, and which, as a matter of fact, Sir John was arranging to do, the new premier has decided to take that position, thereby enabling him to devote all his time to the duties of the Premiership. The earnestness with which Prince Edward Island has urged its claims to cabinet representation has been effective, and it is understood that Hon. Donald Ferguson will be given a seat in the cabinet without portfolio. Sir Frank Smith, the Premier's loyal friend and colleague, was in town to-day, but left for home to-night radiant at the outlook.

While not official and subject to changes, possibly in the Agriculture and Trade and Commerce portfolios, the following may be regarded as a pretty accurate forecast of the new ministry. Hon. Mr. Bowell, Premier and President of the Council; Hon. Mr. Foster, Minister of Finance; Hon. Mr. Costigan, Minister of Marine and Fisheries; Sir A. P. Caron, Postmaster-General; Sir C. H. Tupper, Minister of Justice; Hon. Mr. Haggart, Minister of Railways; Hon. Mr. Ouimet, Minister of Public Works; Hon. Mr. Ives, Minister of Agriculture; Hon. Mr. Angers, Minister of Trade and Commerce; Hon. Mr. Daly, Minister of the Interior; Hon. Mr. Patterson, Minister of Militia; Hon. Mr. Dickey, Secretary of State; Hon. Mr. Curran, Solicitor General; Hon. Mr. Wallace, Controller of Customs; Hon. Mr. Wood, Controller of Inland Revenue; Sir Frank Smith, Sir John Carling and Hon. D. Ferguson, ministers without portfolios.

THE BARK "TEMPLAR."

Interesting Case—Captain Arrested and Thrown Into Prison by the Peruvian Authorities.

Suits for Damages Against the U. S. Consul and the Washington Government.

PORT TOWNSEND, Dec. 18.—(Special)—Captain John Lee, at one time in command of the barkentine Discovery, who has visited Puget Sound scores of times, through the alleged arbitrary actions of the American consul at Callao lost his vessel, the bark Templar, which for many years plied between the Sound and San Francisco, and was himself thrown into prison at the request of the consul. The captain has returned to the Coast and is preparing to sue the consul for $10,000 damages. A claim will also be filed with the department of state against the government of Peru for damages incurred by reason of his incarceration in a Callao jail. Captain Lee sailed from Moodyville over a year ago for Callao in the Templar laden with lumber. The crew was to be paid off down there. During the voyage a disagreement arose between the master and his men. Arriving at Callao the latter complained to the American consul, who adjudged that the crew return on board and there remain until she should call at some American port and there be discharged. Lee objected and enforced his objection by arming himself and refusing to permit them to come on board. The trouble was again referred to the consulate. The consul, a new arrival and wholly unfamiliar with shipping regulations, in a dispute with the captain attacked him with a clawhammer. A row ensued; Lee was hustled off to jail, and when the consul refused to prefer any charged he was liberated. In the meanwhile the consul decided to send the crew back to the United States and bought them first-class passeges by steamer to San Francisco. All of this ran the vessel into debt. To satisfy the claims the Templar was sold twice under libel proceedings and was bought in each time by a syndicate including Captain Lee. For the third time the vessel was again seized for debt and is now up for sale. Captain Lee realizing that he was getting the worst end of a bad bargain departed for San Francisco, where he is preparing to institute claims for damages against the consul and the Peruvian government.

STRICKEN DEAD.

Sudden Death of a British Politician at a Public Meeting.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Sir Edmund Anthony Harley Lechmere, Bart., member of parliament for the Evesham division of Worcestershire, died in Perthshire this evening. He was about to address a meeting of the electors when he was stricken with apoplexy in the anteroom of the hall. He was a progressive Conservative.

China cups and saucers $1.50 per dozen at Cheapside. *

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Proposed Amendments to Westminster's Charter—Of Interest to Vancouver Volunteers.

Coffin Ships—Texada Island Mineral Wealth—Plumper Pass—Bank for Vancouver.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 19.—The reorganized company 4, B.C.B.G.A., will have its headquarters at Vancouver. Capt. Worsnop will command. Major-General Herbert practically offered a drill shed if the city gave the site. In the spring Victoria's drill instructor will hold a school of artillery here.

At the last annual general meeting of the Imperial Bank it was given out by General Manager Wilkie that the bank intended opening out at points on the Pacific Coast. Arrangements have been completed, and it is now definitely announced that Andrew Jukes, the local manager at Brandon, is to take charge of the branch to be opened here some time in January or February.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 18.—The Burnaby council by resolution strongly disapproved of the qualification for councillor being raised from $250 to $500, as per resolution at the meeting of municipalities at Westminster.

The following are the chief amendments proposed in the Westminster city charter: To abolish ward divisions; to provide for the election of from 7 to 15 aldermen; to fix the qualification for mayor at $1,000 and aldermen at $500; to remove the disqualification for non-payment of taxes and to provide for police commissioners consisting of mayor, county court judge and police magistrate.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Dec. 18.—Texada island gold has again become the subject of much discussion here. Several excellent specimens have been exhibited the last day or two. These show a considerable quantity of free gold; but to experienced eyes it looks a trifle too much like the product of a "specimen mine" with a vein so small as to require almost solid metal to work. One party, consisting of several men, chartered a steamer and set out for the island to-day.

The loss of the Montserrat and Kewenaw demonstrates the need of more adequate means to protect sailors from going to sea in coffin ships. At present if Lloyds' agent is satisfied any vessel may sail no matter in what condition. Nanaimo has for a long time been frequented by American hulls, all more or less insecure. Under present laws there are no means of compelling inspection and they may load as deep as the agent will let them. Some regulation like the British load line act is very much needed at this port.

PLUMPER PASS.

PLUMPER PASS, Dec. 17.—The public wharf on Galiano island will be extended the coming spring, to enable steamers to effect a good landing.

The severe windstorms of last week brought down trees in all directions. Several small boats were driven ashore, but so far no serious damage has occurred.

A vacancy in the Mayne island school board is caused by the resignation of Mr. Herbert Macklin, who during his unexpired term of office was appointed secretary to the board. The election to fill the vacancy is convened to take place on the 26th inst.

Considerable dissatisfaction is manifested by reason of the inquest on the Jap who committed suicide on Saturna island. The jury, who were empanelled on five minutes' notice, had to row some six miles to view the body, and it was night when they returned to the Pass. Pending the inquest which was then to take place, supper was provided, the proceedings lasting until after ten o'clock. Owing to the lateness of the hour several jurors who live on adjacent islands were unable to return home. Their necessary hotel expenses having been disallowed they are not unnaturally displeased.

At present there is no market for root crops, which are being stored away in abundance. Hay and oats, however, have been moving rather freely.

Settlers at the north end of Galiano island have petitioned the government to form a school district in that locality.

A few weeks ago a well-known Galiano island rancher whilst in Victoria exhibited a "roll of bills" in presence of a stranger when returning the hospitality of a friend. Upon being asked as to how he became possessed of such a number, he jokingly replied, "Why I made them of course," giving the wink to the stranger. Since then he has become the recipient of typewritten circulars from various parts of the United States asking him to become an agent for the disposal of "green goods."

Only one objection has been lodged with the assessor of taxes, which will be disposed of at the court of appeal to be held on Wednesday next.

It is rumored that work in the Tumbo island mines will be resumed early in the spring, the necessary capital being ready.

The Salt Spring island branch of the Canadian Order of Odd Fellows will give a variety entertainment on Friday evening next, the 21st inst., in the Vesuvius Bay school room. Everything is being provided to ensure its success.

On Mayne island at the vacation entertainment to be held at the school room on Xmas Eve, a Xmas tree will be provided for the children, to which all friends are invited. At Pender a similar entertainment will be held at the hall on Friday evening next when another Xmas tree, the first of its kind on the island, will be the prominent feature.

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WAGES AND PRICES.

TO THE EDITOR:—Your leader of to-day under the heading of "Some Important Facts" calls attention to an article to Bradstreet's by Mr. Edward Atkinson, who endeavors to prove that the reduction in prices, which is now acknowledged to have taken place, has been caused by the reduction in the cost of producing and distributing the necessaries of life and not by the appreciation of gold. Mr. Atkinson is a very clever and plausible writer, but I think in this case, as in many of his former contributions to literature on kindred subjects, there are weak points in his armor. He proves the fall in prices by the very proper process of index numbers and in like manner an apparent rise in wages; but if his premises are correct, how is it that with cheap food and high wages there was never known a period when there was so much distress among the working classes, distress so great that it has almost created revolutions in some of the greatest producing countries of the world.

There must be some fault in the power of distribution. Money is the great distributor of wealth, and there is not enough money for the purposes of distribution.

If Mr. Atkinson is correct in his arguments is it not a curious fact that the general fall in prices should have been coincident with the adoption of gold monometallism by the leading commercial nations of the world?

Mr. Atkinson and many others are apt to be led away from the truth in estimating the rate of wages. They take the daily wages paid and assume that the wage-earner obtains that amount all the year round, forgetting the numerous reductions which occur for non employment through a variety of causes.

I have before me now a rate of wages given by a firm in this province which reads from $40 to $30 per month, all told, and looks very plausible although small enough, but the facts show that in consequence of deductions for weather and other causes the laborers really earn from $20 to $15 per month.

The following prophecy made in 1871 by Ernest Seyd, one of the deepest thinkers on currency questions which this century has produced, is peculiarly interesting at the present juncture. He says:

"It is a great mistake to suppose that the adoption of the gold valuation by other states besides England will be beneficial. It will only lead to the destruction of the monetary equilibrium hitherto existing and cause a fall in the value of silver, from which England's trade and the Indian silver valuation will suffer more than all other interests, grievous as *the general decline of prosperity all over the world will be.* The strong doctrinism existing in England as regards the gold valuation is so blind that when the time of depression sets in there will be this special feature: the economical authorities of the country will refuse to listen to the cause here foreshadowed; every possible attempt will be made to prove that the decline of commerce is due to all sorts of causes and irreconcilable matters. The workman and his striker will be the first convenient target; then speculation and over-trading will have their turn.

"Later on, when foreign nations, unable to pay in silver, have recourse to protection, when a number of other secondary causes develop themselves, then many would-be wise men will have the opportunity of pointing to specific reasons which in their eyes account for the falling off in every branch of trade. Many other allegations will be made, totally irrelevant to the real issue, but satisfactory to the moralising tendency of financial writers. The great danger of the time will then be, that among all this confusion and strife, England's supremacy in commerce and manufactures may go backwards to an extent which cannot be redressed when the real cause becomes recognized and the natural remedy is applied."

Remember that this prophecy was made in 1871 when Seyd was writing upon what would happen under a reign of gold monometallism.

It seems now in 1894 like the "writing upon the wall." BIMETALLIST.

THOSE WIRE PURCHASES.

TO THE EDITOR:—At a meeting of the city council on July 1, or the one preceding, Mr. Munn flourished a telegram from Nanaimo recommending the immediate purchase of six miles of insulated wire at $19 40 per cwt. or $102 per mile, giving as his reason the prospects of an immediate rise in the price of copper. Afterwards Messrs. Spratt and Gray and other interested parties wrote to the council and the COLONIST, objecting to the haste as unnecessary, to the price as excessive and to the method of purchase as unfair to merchants who were prepared to tender.

On July 6 Mr. Munn said in a letter to the COLONIST that the "purchase was effected on the advice of the electrical engineer," and "so far I have heard of nothing which shows the transaction to be bad." On the following day Mr. McCrady concluded a letter full of information as to the price of insulated electric wire as follows: "The fact is that the city, urged on by Ald. Munn, made a bargain for wire that no intelligent purchaser would have made, and some one reaped the benefit of about $290, which could have been saved to the city had the wire been purchased by tender."

Since that time the price of copper has advanced a cent per pound, a difference (all other things being equal) of $5 28 per mile. Now, if this is compared with the contract price of the purchase authorized by the council on Monday evening there is a difference in favor of "tender" over "direct purchase" of $27 28 per mile, or a total for the ten miles of $272 80.

Without adopting either Mr. Munn's opinions or Mr. McCrady's figures, we have here direct evidence of the way in which the city's money would have been muddled away by Mr. Munn and his expert had not the council followed the method of procedure insisted on by the chairman of the finance committee, which is that all purchases shall be by tender. A CITIZEN.

At Last.

Bass' XXXX English Ale has arrived at the Occidental again and is now on tap.

Something new in bon-bons at Fell & Co.'s, Fort street.

SPECIAL facilities for making blank books R. T. Williams & Co., 28 Broad street.

All the Christmas numbers at Hibben's, including the Christmas Colonist.

Advertisements under the heads of Lost, Found, For Sale or To Let and Situations Wanted will be inserted at the rate of one cent a word each insertion. Payment always in advance. No advertisement received for less than twenty-five cents.

WANTS.

WANTED—Office boy. Apply at 49 Langley street. de18-3t

WANTED—A first-class solicitor. 116 Yates street. de16-3t

WANTED—A girl to do light housework and assist with the care of two children. Apply to Mrs. C. F. Gardiner, No. 9 Labouchere street. de16-2t

THE ELSMERE HOUSE, 104 Pandora St., has re-opened under new management; excellent family board; comfortably warmed rooms, also billiard room and ladies' parlor; single rooms if desired; terms moderate. Mrs. C. Wilkes, proprietress. no21-1m

WANTED—Ladies' and gent's cast-off clothing, boots and shoes, at 60½ Johnson street. de1-1m

DE LAMORTON SYSTEM—Every lady interested in making dresses should investigate. Perfect with seams, and the only system cutting seamless Princess dress. Room 73, Five Sisters Block. no18-1m

WANTED—Immediately, a thoroughly experienced steward; must have first-class credentials as to character and ability. Apply by letter to the Secretary of the Union Club. no24

TO LET OR LEASE.

TO LET—A well furnished front room (bay window); with use of bath. Apply 109 Blanchard avenue. de18-3t

TO LET—Store with kitchen and four rooms over store, at Saanichton, adjoining railway station, on the corner of Cross Road. Apply to Mrs. Watson, Saanichton. de18 4t

TO LET—
Eight-roomed house on Niagara street; reduced from $25 to $15 per month.
Eight-roomed brick house, corner Cadboro Bay road and Oak Bay avenue; $18 per month.
Five-roomed cottage at Oak Bay; $9 per month.
Old St. Andrew's church, Courtney street, open for offer.
A. W. MORE & Co., 70 Douglas Street.

TO LET—Nine-roomed house fully furnished, large grounds. Apply 17 Michigan street, James Bay. de16 6t

TO LEASE—At Oak Bay, near agricultural buildings, nine acres good land with small house and barn, 4½ acres fruit trees, 3 acres strawberries and other small fruits. Apply to T. Elford, Shawnigan Lake Lumber Co.'s office, Discovery street. de5-1m

ROOM and board for one or two gentlemen within five minutes from Post Office. Terms moderate. Apply W. G., Colonist office. de2-1m

TO LET—4 roomed cottage, and 3 acres, on tram line; $16 per month; for others call and inspect list.

FOR SALE—9 acres and small cottage; partly cleared and slashed; about 4 miles from post office; good land; creek running through; would make good chicken ranch, or fruit garden.

Also a number of acres, and fractions of acres, just outside city limits; to be sold cheap, on easy terms.

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FOR SALE—House and lot; desirable locality, Pandora and Cook streets; price $2,100; terms easy to responsible party. Apply 130 Fisgard street. de18-4t

FRUIT TREES—All kinds from 5c. to 25c. All young, clean, thrifty and free from insect pest. Call or write to Johnson's grocery, 30 Humboldt street. de16-2t

MY GROCERY STORE, situated at 165½ Douglas street, for sale, owing to ill-health; an industrious man can easily earn $40 clear profit a week; on account of my illness I must leave Victoria, and therefore will sell the business cheap to a good man; I have no debts or outstanding accounts; my business is strictly cash. H. Stadhagen, the Cheapest Grocery, 165½ Douglas street, second house from Chatham. de16-3t

FOR SALE—Two acres splendid land, 2½ miles from the post office; price $550. Pemberton & Son, 45 Fort street. de12-3t

LOST OR FOUND.

LOST—Gold watch chain; suitable reward to finder. R. Mackenzie, Bank of B.C. de16-2t

LOST—Ladies' gold hunting case watch and chain; monogram on back and name inside. Suitable reward for its return to Annes y & Howell, Douglas St. de16 6t

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Situated half way between Chemainus and Maple Bay, and within 3 miles of Hall's Crossing, on the E. & N. Railway and ten miles from Duncan's. Five acres are under cultivation, and the balance has been slashed and burned, and with a slight expense can all be made ready for crop. The property is well situated, having a half mile frontage on the water. There is excellent water on the property for all purposes. There is a small house and barn on the land. For anyone requiring a small farm or a charming country seat, the above will be found well suited to their desire. The property, including various implements, will be sold for $2,000. Terms will be made to suit the purchaser.

For further particulars apply to "Rancher," care of The Colonist. no22-tf

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FINE DWELLING HOUSE
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TO THE STOCKHOLDERS
—OF THE—
Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co., Ld.

NOTICE

is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Company, Limited, will be held at the office of the Company, in the City of Victoria, B.C., on Tuesday, the 8th day of January, 1895, at 2 o'clock p.m., for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business of the corporation.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1894.
WM. H. PHIPPS, Secretary.

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G. A. KEEFER, M.I.C.E. H. B. SMITH, M.I.C.E.

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Same Block—Maynard's Shoe and Finding Store, 41 Pandora street. Boots, Shoes, Leather and Shoe Findings. "K" boots a specialty. fe1

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ED. LINES, General Scavenger, 236 Yates street. Yards, etc., cleaned. Orders left at Geo. Munroe, 82 Douglas street; Speed Bros., cor. Douglas and Fort; or Blair & Gordon, cor. Menzies and Michigan, will be promptly attended to. de3

MEETINGS.

VICTORIA-COLUMBIA LODGE, No 1, A. F. & A. M., B.C.R.—Regular Communication first Thursday each month at Masonic Temple, corner Douglas and Fisgard streets, at 7:30 p.m. Sojourning brethren cordially invited.
ja28-tf C. DUBOIS MASON, Secretary.

"ST. ANDREW & CALEDONIAN SOCIETY." Society meets in Caledonia Hall, Blanchard street, on the first Friday in every month. Visiting brethren are invited to attend. E. C. Smith, Secretary. my4-1m

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BRITISH COLUMBIA MILLING AND MINING COMPANY, (LIMITED).

ASSESSMENT No. 25.

Notice is hereby given that an assessment of one cent per share has been levied upon the members of the above named Company, payable at the Company's office, No. 48 Langley street, Victoria B. C., on or before the thirty-first day of December, 1894, from and after which date all shares on which said call shall then remain unpaid shall be deemed delinquent, to be dealt with according to law.

By order of the Board of Directors.
Victoria, 1st December, 1894.
GEO. A. SARGISON, Secretary.
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NOTICE—To all whom it may concern:—Know all persons by these presents, That I, E G. Walker, will not be responsible for any debts contracted in the name of E. G. Walker, proprietor of the Gem restaurant, from this date on forevermore December 14, 1894. E. G. Walker. de15-3t

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date we intend to make application to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a lease of the following described lands:—Commencing at a post on beach marked "British Columbia Canning Co'y Ltd. N.W. Corner," on the shore of River's Inlet, in a bay known as Shotbolt's Bay, thence 15 chains south, thence 30 chains east, thence 15 chains north, thence following beach to post or starting point.
British Columbia Canning Co. Ltd., by their Agents, p. pro FINDLAY, DURHAM & BRODIE.
MATTHEW T. JOHNSTON.
River's Inlet, B.C., Nov. 7, 1894. no18-1m

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date we intend to make application to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a lease of the following described lands: Commencing at a post on beach marked "British Columbia Canning Co'y, Ltd., N.E. corner," on the south shore of River's Inlet, in a cove about one and a half miles from the cannery known as Victoria Cannery, thence 5 chains south, thence 10 chains east, thence 5 chains north, thence following beach to post or starting point. British Columbia Canning Co., Ltd. By their agents, p. pro FINDLAY, DURHAM & BRODIE.
MATTHEW T. JOHNSTON.
River's Inlet, B.C., Nov. 17, 1894. no18-1m

NOTICE—No shooting allowed on Fairfield Farm; trespassers will be prosecuted. au31

JAPAN VINDICATED.

False Statements as to Outrages Contradicted—Gross Inhumanities by Chinese

Japanese Programme Changed—Not to Be Led Into a Trap—Reforms in Korea.

A. B. de Guerville, the war correspondent of the New York Herald and Frank Leslie's Weekly, who returned from Japan by the Empress of India yesterday, gives an emphatic contradiction to the cabled statements of Mr. James Creelman and others of disgusting atrocities perpetrated by the Japanese at the fall of Port Arthur. M. de Guerville, who was formerly commissioner for the World's Fair from the United States to China, Korea and Japan, has been with the Japanese army almost since the initiation of hostilities; he was with the troops before, during and after the fall of Port Arthur, and he is therefore qualified to speak in the matter.

"It is not so," he exclaimed in conversation with a newspaper man yesterday, "that the Japanese relapsed into their former barbarism at the fall of Port Arthur. They did nothing of the kind. They have from the opening of the present war set the world an example in humanity to their foes. At Ping Yang; at Yaloo river; at each and every one of the less notable engagements, their kindness not only to their prisoners, well or wounded, but also to the populace of the invaded country has been something remarkable. Is it likely that they should at Port Arthur forget the lesson they had so grandly learned, and disgrace themselves hopelessly in the eyes of the civilized peoples of the world whose respect they had earned by their humanity as well as by their brilliant feats of arms? Let me tell you how it was, and all that there is of truth in this report of the Japanese armies lapsing into barbarism. As the Japanese army advanced through the peninsula countless horrible tales were related to them by the Chinese peasantry, who, grateful to them for the very food they ate as well as for deliverance from their oppressors, were soon their fast friends. These stories of cruelties to Japanese soldiers by Chinese forces were something frightful—enough to make one's blood boil with rage that such things could be. At Kinchiu they were told of three non-belligerent Japanese who were arrested as spies and without trial or proof of offending burned to death after horrible mutilation. Further on, absolute confirmation of the story was obtained. On November 10 two skirmishing battalions of Japanese cavalry—about 250 men—in advance of the column marching on Port Arthur came across a body of some 3,000 Chinese—horse, infantry and artillery. To engage the enemy was not to be thought of with the numbers so unequal, so the Japanese dropped back with the intention of awaiting the coming up of the advance guard of the main column. The Chinese had seen and identified them, however, and at once attacked, so that in desperation the little band, outnumbered ten to one, could only select an elevated position and make a good fight until the end came. Their forlorn hope was that the advance guard would come up before they had all been cut to pieces, but this hope was not realized. When the army arrived at the scene of the gallant stand, the fight was over and the Chinese had returned to Port Arthur. Then it was that the Japanese staff made what to my mind was a mistake. They marched the army through toward Port Arthur by a road bordered with the horribly mutilated corpses of their own dead heroes. The hands of many and their feet were gone; their bodies were evilely, fiendishly disfigured; and from the color of the blood and the appearance of these poor, abused bodies, it was all too evident that the hideous mutilation had in the majority of cases been the cause of death. The wounded had been butchered in fashion so cruel, so barbarous that nothing in the history of the savagery of the American Indians approaches it in horror. I watched the Japanese soldiery closely as they marched through the ghastly avenues of their mutilated dead. I saw by the flashing eyes and the firmly compressed lips that there would be grim work when the army of the rising sun was face to face with the butchers of their comrades and countrymen. Nor was I wrong. You know how Port Arthur fell and how like demons the Japanese fought. Were they guilty of retaliatory atrocities? No, they were not. The most that can truthfully be said is that they used the cold steel more than they did firearms — the latter having won their former battles. As Japanese swordsmen do, they struck for the necks of their foes, and many Chinese heads were thus severed from the bodies at the taking of Port Arthur. The headless bodies were of course seen by the correspondents, but there were no instances of mutilation, of that I am sure. The Japanese fought for vengeance as well as victory and honor, but not for one hour or one moment did the army or any portion of it revert into barbarism or descend to the level of its less civilized foe. As for the foreign correspondents leaving the Japanese army in disgust 'as a strong protest against the inhumanity displayed,' why it simply isn't the fact. The correspondants, or at all events the wide-awake ones, left the army after Port Arthur fell because they saw that there would be no further movement in that direction and all were in haste to put themselves in position to move with the new division. As for myself I do not anticipate that there will be any more serious fighting For that reason and because private business calls me, I have come home."

General Count Yamagati has been succeeded in the command of his famous division by General Nodzu, and new tactics will now be witnessed. It was General Yamagati's keen desire to press on to Moukden and Peking and dictate terms to China from the capital. The new commander will in all probability be content to occupy the Leiu Tung peninsula this winter and advance in the spring. Whether he is wise or foolish remains to be disclosed. There are many who hold that Japan should follow up her victories sharply as she has been doing—otherwise she may yet lose what she has so bravely won.

M. de Guerville expressed great surprise when told of Mr. James Creelman's statement that a "brother correspondent" had, in order to get him out of the way, given information to the Japanese war department that he (Creelman) was a Chinese spy. M. de Guerville says that he must be the correspondent referred to by Mr. Creelman, but he adds, "the man must be crazy. He has not enjoyed the confidence of the Japanese and has felt very sore about it. There is absolutely no foundation so far as I know for this wild story of his."

The mail advices from the seat of war brought by yesterday's steamer contain but little "news," although there is some mystery about the movements of the First Army corps under Count Yamagata, who is reported to be returning to Japan sick-listed. Meanwhile it is not definitely known whether his division will go into winter quarters or whether some combined movement between the two armies is in contemplation. From the la est accounts the capture of Port Arthur was attended by desperate fighting, the Japanese, burning with the desire for vengeance, aiming to destroy their foes without mercy, and refusing quarter to those who a few days before had brutally maltreated their wounded. The loss to the Japanese in connection with the taking of the great sea fort was very light—fourteen killed and thirty-two wounded at the battle at Dojoshi on November 18; three killed at Beikoshi two days later; and fifteen killed and one hundred and ninety-eight wounded at the taking of Port Arthur on November 20. The Chinese troops that were on their way to Port Arthur when that stronghold fell are now distributed along the coast at different points in the vicinity, threatening occasionally to attack Port Arthur in concert with the defeated troops. The Japanese army observes the greatest diligence. "The Japanese," says a Shanghai paper, "may rest assured their hardest work is yet to come. Hitherto by means of years of most careful preparation, they have been able to bring preponderatingly large masses of men against the wholly unprepared Chinese. Even thus they have found it rather 'hard walking' to get to Peking by the end of October. They may find it hard enough to get to Moukden by the end of November. What then? The roads are beginning to be at their best. There will be no fear of a landing along the Shanhaikuan seaboard. The Chinese forces gathered and gathering—very different from those who stubbornly fought against odds at Pingyang and Chiuliencheng—will advance into Manchuria and easily cut off the possibility of retreat" This is in Japan accepted as China's chief desire—to see the Japanese advance as far inland as Moukden at least, so that they may be cut off from their supplies and thus hopelessly situated be utterly annihilated. Hence, no doubt, the change in the Japanese plans—the refusal to walk into the trap by marching upon Peking or yet attacking Moukden. The Japanese Advertiser agrees that this alteration of the Japanese plans is wise indeed. "We cannot but think," it says, "that the Japanese are wise in taking this step. Even for the purpose of accomplishing a signal coup and of securing the imaginary treasures with the possession of which rumor credited the ancient capital, the undertaking was hugely difficult and hardly worth the trouble."

In connection with the movements of the Japanese fleet it is noted that three Japanese cruisers, the Yoshino, Naniwa and Takao, while reconnoitring in the neighborhood of the mouth of the Lia-ho river on November 25, discovered entrenchments garrisoned by Chinese troops. As three German men-of-war were lying there, the Japanese vessels went away without doing anything. The cruiser Chiyoda reconnoitred off Fuchow on November 26, when she discovered several hundred Chinese troops embarking in a steamer of about 600 tons at a certain place. The Chiyoda fired upon them and the enemy returned the fire. But their shots did not reach the man-of-war. The Chinese fled and the Chiyoda captured the steamer and brought her back to the rendezvous. The British cruiser Porpoise arrived at Chefoo on November 22, and sailed again at daylight the next morning. The British fleet in harbor on the 23rd consisted of the Centurion, Undaunted, Edgar, Crescent, Æolus, Leander, Mercury, Severn, Daphne, and Pigmy, but about noon that day it sailed for an unknown destination. The other men-of-war in port were the French Bayard and Lion, American Baltimore, German Alexandrine, and Russian Kreysser. Rear-Admiral Hoffman hoisted his flag on board the German cruiser Arcona at Shanghai on November 26 under a salute from his own ship of thirteen guns. The British cruiser Caroline saluted his flag with the same number. He was to leave in the Arcona on the 27th for Chefoo. The Pigmy was expected at Shanghai on the 27th and is ordered to relieve the Peacock at Hankow for the winter.

The special correspondent of the Mainichi writes from Port Arthur under date November 25 as follows, concerning the attack on Kinchow by the Chinese: "On November 21, the day of the general advance on Port Arthur, when all our force was concentrated to the south, intelligence was received at the headquarters of the second army corps to the effect that Chinese troops numbering about 8,000 were advancing to the attack of Kinchow. Our army was not surprised at this news, for it was known that there were Chinese troops at Fuchow and Newchwang, and we had left two battalions of infantry for the protection of Kinchow. The garrison made preparations for the defence and even the coolies were armed. There was no Japanese artillery in Kinchow, but infantry men manned the guns captured there and fired on the enemy. It was somewhat a range for infantry men to work the big guns, but their aim was more accurate than that of the Chinese, and the latter, numbering about 8,000, were repulsed in a short time by only a little over 1,000 Japanese. Afterwards 200 sailors were sent to Kinchow from Talienwan."

Under date of the 4th inst. the following Seoul dispatch was published in the Jiji Shimpo just before the Empress sailed for Victoria:

"The Tai-won-kun has retired from office, and the Ming family are about to be restored to power. The King has accepted twenty conditions relating to the reform of the government, recommended by Count Inouye. In-yo-kin, minister for justice, and Jo-sei jun, minister for public works, have resigned their posts. The Tongnaks have risen in various districts of the kingdom, and disquietude prevails in Seoul."

For prices plate glass see Mellor. *

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The Cattle are well bred; a much larger herd could be farmed with the place. The bunch grass on the hills in the vicinity covers many thousands of acres, and is available to the few land owners in the valleys

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NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.

Re Estate of William Johnston.

Pursuant to the "Creditors' Trust Deeds Act, 1890," and the "Creditors' Trust Deeds Amending Act, 1894."

Notice is hereby given that William Johnston, of Port Essington, Skeena River, B C., general merchant, has by deed dated this 7th day of December, 1894, granted and assigned all his personal estate, credits and effects which may be seized and sold under execution, and all his real estate, unto Gustav Leiser, of 9 and 11 Yates street, Victoria, merchant, and Robert Cunningham, of Port Essington aforesaid, merchant, in trust for the benefit of all his creditors. Said deed was executed by said parties and the trusts thereby created were accepted and undertaken by the said Gustav Leiser and Robert Cunningham, the trustees, on the said 7th day of December, 1894.

Creditors of the said William Johnston are required to send full particulars of their claims, proved by statutory declaration, to the said trustees, at Victoria, B. C., on or before the 7th day of January, 1895, and all persons indebted to the said William Johnston are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to the said trustees forthwith.

After the 7th day of January, 1895, the said trustees will proceed to distribute the assets among the parties intitled thereto, having regard only to those claims of which they then shall have notice.

Dated the 7th day of December, 1894.

S. PERRY MILLS,
46 Langley street, Victoria, B.C.,
Solicitor for Gustav Leiser and Robert Cunningham, Trustees.

A meeting of the creditors of the above estate will be held at the office of S Perry Mills, 46 Langley street, Victoria, B.C., on Tuesday, the 11th day of December, 1894, at 2 o'clock p.m.

GUSTAV LEISER,
ROBERT CUNNINGHAM, } Trustees.
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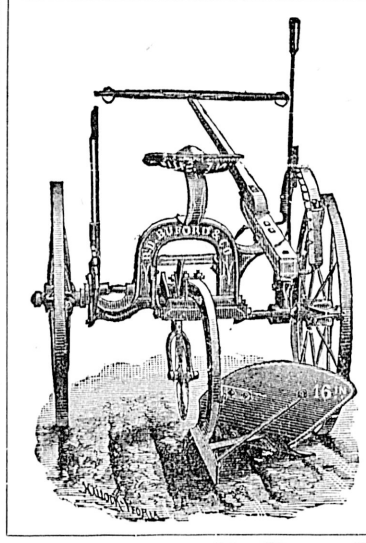

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THE NEW CABINET.

Those who hoped and expected that the Hon. Mr. Bowell would have a great deal of difficulty in forming a ministry will be disappointed. The members of Sir John Thompson's Government without a single exception have, we understand, accepted places in Mr. Bowell's Cabinet. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper is the new Minister of Justice, the Hon. Mr. Costigan takes his department, and the Hon. Mr. Dickey enters the Ministerial ranks as Secretary of State. Mr. Dickey is a son of the Senator of that name. He represents Cumberland, Nova Scotia, in the House of Commons. His parliamentary career has not been a long one. He was first elected in 1888, succeeding to the representation of Sir Charles Tupper's constituency upon his distinguished predecessor becoming High Commissioner in London. As a private member he has been popular in the House, and being a man of tact and high educational attainments—a lawyer by profession—he will no doubt justify the Premier's choice. It seems that Mr. Dickey is not to be the only new man in the Cabinet. Senator Donald Ferguson is to be a Minister without a portfolio. Mr. Ferguson is an uncommonly able man and he will make a valuable addition to the ministry. The Cabinet being thus completed, the Premier is to be congratulated on the result of his labors. According to present arrangements the members of the Bowell Ministry, with their portfolios, are as follows, in the order in which they first took office:

Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Premier and President of the Council	1878
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Hon. Sir J. Carling (without portfolio)	1882
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Hon. Sir F. Smith (without portfolio)	1882
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Hon. J. G. Haggart, R'ys and Canals	1888
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Hon. J. C. Patterson, Militia and Defence	1891
Hon. T. M. Daly, Interior	1892
Hon. A. R. Angers, Trade and Commerce	1892
Hon. W. B. Ives, Agriculture	1892
Hon. A. R. Dickey, Sec'y of State	1894
Hon. Donald Ferguson (without portfolio)	1894

Not of the Cabinet:

Hon. J. J. Curran, Solicitor-General	1892
Hon. N. C. Wallace, Controller Customs	1892
Hon. John Wood, Cont. Inland Rev.	1892

THE BUDGET SPEECH.

Our readers need not be told that hard times affect governments as well as individuals. A business depression which embarrasses any considerable number of the taxpayers lessens the Government's receipts and places it very much in the same position as a business concern which, though perfectly solvent and with excellent prospects, finds itself in the meantime unpleasantly scarce of ready money.

The Hon. Mr. Turner, this year gives a frank and remarkably clear account of the financial condition of the Province. He tells the Legislature and the country that when the end of the year 1893-4 came he found that instead of having a surplus to draw upon he had to face an overdraft of $230,000, and that the expenditure exceeded the estimate by some $330,000. The cause of this deficiency was twofold—the expenditure from causes that no one could have foreseen was greater than had been calculated upon, and the receipts were less than the Finance Minister had reason to expect. The Minister relates in detail what were the unlooked for causes of expenditure and how it came to pass that the receipts were less than were estimated. He holds nothing back. The reader of the speech will find no involved statements which are hard to understand. Nothing is easier than to follow him in this part of his speech, and we are quite sure that nine men out of ten will pronounce the statement to be reasonable and satisfactory.

It is natural to conclude that the Government, like a great many other creditors, found it impossible to collect all that was due them. A very considerable percentage of the debts due the Government are, however, collectible, and may be considered a good asset. It would be cruel as well as impolitic to push these debtors just now, but when the good times come again, as certainly they will, those in arrears will be reminded of their indebtedness, and no doubt a proportion of them will make an effort to pay up. We see that in his estimate for next year the Finance Minister has set down a very modest sum as arrears of taxes to be paid in.

It is encouraging to see that some sources of revenue have exceeded the estimate. The chief of these are mining receipts. This shows that the development of the mineral resources of the Province has been going on at an encouraging rate, and there is no doubt that this progress will be still greater and more cheering in the near future.

We are glad to see that the Government have not been induced by the croakings of timid friends or the dismal predictions of the scheming and the unpatriotic howlers of the Opposition to abandon their policy of progress and improvement. During the past year they have, in spite of all discouragements, gone on with the projected improvements, and they propose in the current and coming year besides doing their utmost to repair the damage done by the floods to proceed with the development of the different resources of the Province. The estimates for the coming year are on the same liberal scale as that of former years. No service is to be starved and no necessary public work neglected. As the Finance Minister pointed out, the outlay of past years besides improving the Province has yielded a substantial return in the shape of increased revenue. The showing is a remarkable one. "Leaving out the land sales," said the Hon. Mr. Turner, "we find that the revenue from 1888 to 1893 went up year by year as follows: $427,379 in 1888, then $555,837; $599,934; $715,449; $806,487; and in 1893, $841,012. An increase of revenue amounting to nearly 100 per cent. in six years is something we think unprecedented even on this continent in which communities grow so rapidly. At any rate British Columbians have good reason to feel encouraged at the result, and to continue to maintain the policy which has done so much for the province in so shoot a time.

The reader of the Budget speech will see that in the expenditure of the people's money the Government have evidently no end in view except the improvement of the country. A cheese-paring policy might effect the saving of some thousands of dollars a year, but a little inquiry will show that this can only be done at the expense of the progress of the Province. British Columbia is in that position at present in which a liberal expenditure in opening up the country and in a legitimate manner encouraging its different industries is the most effective as well as the most enlightened economy. This Province has no use for the narrow-minded, short-sighted economists who see extravagance in every unusual expenditure and ruin in every dollar added to the provincial debt. The men who would allow the ship to be lost for the want of a ha'porth of tar are, we are glad to see, not popular in this Province and we trust they never will be.

The Finance Minister has faith in the Province and he has good reason for placing the utmost confidence in its inhabitants and its resources. There are few countries on this continent that have so many and such varied resources. Although none of these has been developed to any great extent the results produced considering its small population are really wonderful. With a population of not more than 100,000, a large proportion of which are ignorant and unenterprising Indians, its exports last year amounted to $7,843,000; $3,521,543 being the product of the mines, $3,541,305 of the fisheries, and $411,623 from the forest. The Finance Minister is, we are confident, below the mark when he sets down the exports "in a few years" to be nearer $10,000,000 than $8,000,000. The imports required by this small community were in the same year $5,320,615. The Government that would retard the progress of such a flourishing Province would incur a very heavy responsibility, and we are glad to see that the present Government is bound that British Columbia shall not be checked.

The Finance Minister spent a good part of his time in exposing the shallowness and the inaccuracy of the criticisms of some of the leading men of the Opposition. It is disappointing to see those gentlemen merely because they are opposed to the Government of the day doing what they can to lower the credit of the Province abroad and to increase the difficulties of the Government who are doing their best to carry the Province safely through a period of depression which is felt more or less severely by every country in the world.

FAIR PLAY DEMANDED.

The interest taken in the Behring Sea sealing question is quite lively in every part of Canada. Canadians generally sympathise with British Columbia sealers, and they are pleased when they learn that justice is likely to be done them. They see, too, in a strong light the unreasonableness of the claims made by our American neighbors. The Winnipeg Free Press writes of the report that was lately put in circulation that the United States Government was desirous to put a stop to pelagic sealing for a year, and perhaps more. It says:

Canada was recently informed by cable that Mr. Hamlin, Assistant Secretary of the United States Treasury, recommends that no seals should be killed next season, and has sent a notification in this sense to the lessees of the Seal Islands. In connection with this proposal, the United States Government has invited all maritime nations to join "in preventing pelagic sealing in Behring Sea."

Should the Paris conference lead to another international agreement collateral to the first it is to be hoped that care will be taken to ensure protection to the seals on the islands as well as at sea. By the Paris treaty sharp limitations were imposed upon the taking of seals at sea, but nothing was done to curb the greed of the company that kills on land. As usual, the British envoys were, in this matter, jockeyed by the Americans, and judging from many experiences it is not unreasonable to fear that they may so fare again. Canada gave the free use of her canals on the understanding that the United States would secure the same privilege for Canadians on the U.S. canals, but the obligation was evaded. It would not do to agree to further definite restrictions on pelagic sealing on the promise that the U.S. Government would "use its endeavors" or would "recommend to Congress," or any indefinite promise of that kind to procure the cessation of seal killing by the Alaska company. The one should be conditional on the other, and the agreement be binding on the one party only so long as it was observed by the other.

We do not know that there was any truth in the report; we rather think there was not. But the Free Press takes the right view of the matter when it contends that British subjects should not be forbidden to hunt seals on the high seas while American butchers are allowed to kill them and worry them to death on land.

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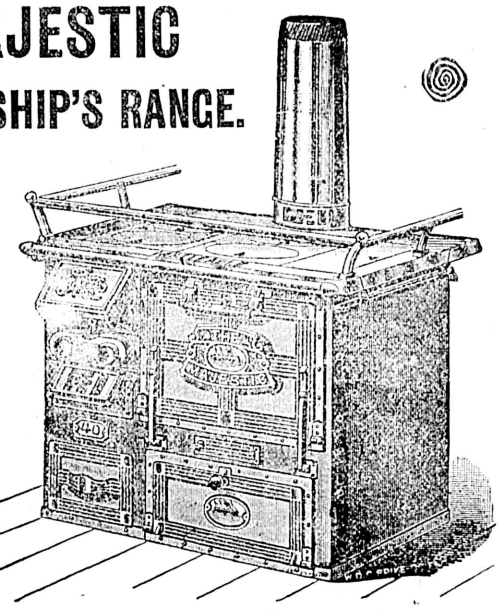

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THE CITY.

THE auction sale of the stock of boots and shoes in re Cavins' assignment is postponed until to-morrow at 11:30.

A MEETING of the James Bay lacrosse club will be held at the Caledonian grounds this evening. All members are requested to attend.

AN Association football match will be played this afternoon between the Barrack Athletics and Victoria College teams at 3 o'clock at Beacon Hill.

HARMON D. ROBB and William R. Smith, for creating a disturbance on Government street, were fined $12 or in default one month, in the police court yesterday.

TO-NIGHT'S dance and supper in Pythian hall the proceeds of which are to be devoted towards the new Pythian home, promises to be both pleasurable and profitable.

TWO very desirable pieces of real estate in the suburbs of the city are to be sold at auction to-morrow (Thursday), at 11 a.m., by Messrs. H. Cuthbert & Co. The very easy terms of payment should tempt buyers.

AT THE annual general meeting of the Pacific Club last evening a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Mr. W. Edgar Buck and the ladies and gentlemen who assisted him at the recent "At Home" concert given by the club.

THE Teachers' institute met yesterday afternoon and elected officers as follows: President, Mr. E. V. Paul; vice-president, Miss Lawson; secretary-treasurer, Mr. D. Ross; executive, Miss A. D. Cameron, Miss Barron and Messrs. Tait and Muir.

TO NIGHT is the James Bay Athletic Association's night, and from all accounts the concert is going to be a grand success. The Philharmonic hall has been neatly arranged and the stage settings will be all that could be desired. Several of the young gentlemen will act as ushers and will courteously assist those attending in securing seats. The programme has been already published and speaks for itself.

HI KI, the stubborn witness in the Lem Yem robbery case, was again in the witness box yesterday. He told his story all right this time, at least his version of it, and swore to it on the blood of an unfortunate chicken which was slaughtered on the court house steps in front of the majesty of the law and a few amused onlookers. The case was then remanded for a week and an information charging Ying Yock with receiving the stolen money was laid. Yock and Yem are locked up till the case comes up again.

THOSE of the Chinese gamblers rounded up on Monday night who decided to plead guilty when arraigned in the police court yesterday, were fined $20 each or in default one month. Those who argued "not guilty," and put the court to the trouble of trying and convicting them, will serve the Queen for two months. Only two of the culprits have paid their fines; the others will "do time." They say that they did not go to the place to gamble so much as for the purpose of enjoying the comfortable warmth within. They have, for the same reason, no fault to find with the fate that consigns them to the provincial jail. Ah Fong, who is held as the dealer of the interrupted game, will be tried on Thursday. He is out on bail.

ON Monday evening last the annual Christmas entertainment of Knox church Sabbath school was held. The church, which was prettily decorated, was filled by the children and their friends. A sumptuous supper was spread for the scholars and teachers, after which a very enjoyable programme was rendered. The gathering was for a two-fold purpose, being both an entertainment for the children and a farewell for Mrs Petit, who is leaving Victoria to reside in California. From the inception of the mission Mrs. Petit has been one of its most earnest workers, being organist in the church and a teacher in the school. The minister, on behalf of the congregation and school, presented Mrs. Petit with a well-filled purse and an illuminated address.

THE board of arbitration for the settlement of the price to be paid by the city for the expropriation of 120 acres of land owned by A Greeves on the Beaver lake watershed held its first meeting yesterday morning. The land in question is in sections 110 and 48 and is part of the land to be acquired by the city for the waterworks improvements at Elk and Beaver lakes. Mr. Wm. Wilson is arbitrator for the city; Mr. R. Johns for Mr. Greeves; and Mr. John Lovell has been chosen by these gentlemen as umpire. The board was sworn in by the police magistrate, and then proceeded to examine a number of witnesses in regard to the value of the land. The figures given by the witnesses varied from $100 to $33 an acre. Mr. Pooley, Q C., appeared on behalf of the owner, and Mr. Taylor for the city. After sitting till two o'clock the board adjourned till half-past nine this morning.

JAMES ANDERSON, one of the pipers of the Sir Wm. Wallace Society, was given a party in his honor at the residence of Chief Russell on Monday night, on account of his leaving for Ottawa sometime next week, to enter the service of the Earl of Aberdeen, patron of the society. A goodly number were present, and a most enjoyable time was spent till the "wee sma' 'oors ayont the twal." Rev. Mr. Murison during the evening, in the name of those present, expressed regret at Mr. Anderson's departure, wished him Godspeed and said he had no doubt he would be successful in his new position. Mr. Russell wished him a safe journey and every prosperity. Mr. Anderson replied on behalf of himself and Mrs. Anderson, sincerely thanking those present for their kindness and kindly wishes. He will surely keep the memory of the Sir Wm. Wallace Society green in the position to which he goes, and will do his utmost to bring credit to the society and his friends here.

TO-DAY at 11 o'clock Mr. Joshua Davies will offer at auction the balance of the Stanley House stock.

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ON Friday evening a children's social and Christmas entertainment will be given in the Baptist Mission church, Tennyson road. A specially fine programme is being prepared for the event.

THERE will be an entertainment and Christmas tree in the James Bay Methodist Sunday school Friday evening. A good programme has been provided, and there will be solos and recitations by the scholars.

JOLLY old St. Nicholas will make his first appearance this season to the Sunday school children of the Centennial Methodist church to-night. There will be a Christmas tree, and a good programme will be provided by the children.

THE recital to be given by the Faculty and pupils of the Victoria Conservatory of Music in Institute hall this evening bids fair to be a great success. The pupils have been working hard with that end in view, and the fortunate possessors of invitations are assured a musical treat.

THE Presbytery of Victoria meets at the Central Presbyterian church, James Bay, for the induction of the Rev. P. McF. Macleod this evening, at 7.30 p.m. Rev. T. H. Rogers is to preside, Rev. J. Murison to preach, Rev. Dr. Campbell to address the minister, and Rev. D. MacRae to address the congregation.

HENRY SLADE, who was committed by the police magistrate for assaulting James North with attempt to rob him on the 6 h instant, just outside the Colonial Metropole, came up for speedy trial yesterday before Mr. Justice Walkem. Slade pleaded not guilty, but the evidence was too strong and he was given six months in jail with hard labor. Mr. Duck appeared for the Crown.

MRS. SAUNDERS' restaurant was where the members of Northern Light juvenile branch A O F. gathered in their full strength of sixty or more and were banquetted last evening by the Companions of the Forest. The boys were marshalled from their lodge room by J. Hancock. After they had partaken of a fine spread they retired to a room adjoining the restaurant and there held a general jollification, recitations and songs being the order of the evening. Master J. Cohen made the speech of the occasion very creditably. Mr. E. J. Salmon and other officers of the senior lodge were present.

THERE was a strong representation of the local temperance lodges at the I.O.G.T. entertainment provided in the South Saanich hall last evening. Dr. Lewis Hall presided and announced the following programme: Vocal solo, Mr. Bruce; song, G. Parsons; song, B. Temple; recitation, Miss E. Oates; song in character, R Hutcherson; song, Mr. Moody; one act farce by Messrs. Temple, Mitchell, Hutchinson, Hewetson and Shandley. On the conclusion of the programme refreshments were served, after which a comic sketch was given by Messrs. Stewart, Gale, Mitchell and the Tanner brothers. The city contingent, who numbered from fifty to one hundred, were highly pleased with the entertainment given by their district friends.

MR BUDD ROSS and J. J. Kett are without a doubt two of the most popular comedians of the day. They will be with Victoria to-night as Green-Goods Gouge and Fritz Indigo Brace, in the brand new farce comedy "The Jolly Old Chums" They will be supported by a company second to none and will number in all eighteen people in the cast. The costumes will be of the finest. The music all new and catchy. As for the play it is one of the best and most comical ever written. The author does not class his skits among the comedies of the farces and does not even raise them to the dignity of place, broad as that term is. He calls "Jolly Old Chums," for instance, "an invasion of the drama" and "an unassuming effort to present a few character sketches in an amusing form," which expresses the nature of the entertainment. There is a sort of plot to connect or introduce the efforts of merriment, but after one leaves the theatre, with sides aching from laughter, he remembers nothing of the story, though he has a vivid recollection of the two "Jolly Chums," their antics and nerve.

PERSONAL.

E. L. Kirkland, provincial assessor, Westminster, is in town.

William Duck, who has just been admitted to practice at the bar, was introduced in court yesterday, Mr. Justice Walkem presiding.

D. Campbell returned from the Sound by the George E. Starr yesterday.

V. O Hammon, Ottawa, Ill; W. H. and Mrs Ferris, Seattle; and D O Le Gendre, Quebec, are guests at the Hotel Victoria.

George B Kenniston, judge of the probate and insolvent court of Lincoln county, Maine, is a guest at the Driard.

Hotel Butler, European, Seattle.
Headquarters for British Columbia travel. Rooms with or without bath. Location very central. Fine Restaurant and Grill room in connection. HAMM & SCHMITZ, Proprietors.

"No-To-Bac" cures the tobacco habit. For sale at Bowes' drugstore, 27 Johnson St.

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For choice nuts and raisins go to Fell & Co.'s, Fort street.

One more week and then Xmas greetings, accompanied by one of Weiler Bros'. very handsome dinner sets.

Fell & Co. have a well selected stock of wines and liquors for the Christmas trade.

Drink Victoria-Phœnix Lager Beer.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS.

To-day Victoria's School Children Will Generously Give Needed Help to the Poor.

Nearly Every School in the City Has Offered to Assist the Good Work.

Victoria's poor, and especially the children, will certainly not be forgotten this Christmas. Teachers and pupils in the schools have taken up with enthusiasm the idea of helping the unfortunate. To-day will consequently see boys and girls on their way to school laden with all sorts of supplies as offerings of kindly good-will to help make the Christmas of the poor a time of real pleasure and thankfulness. Everyone can assist if only a little, for "many a mickle mak's a muckle," and if each of the two thousand school children in Victoria adds something what a splendid result will be effected! It may be clothing, or it may be money, or it may be food, all are needed, and badly needed in some cases. Then the toys or presents for the poor children must not be forgotten. Of course they are not so necessary as the other things; but just think what real delight can be given to children whose parents are too poor to buy them toys or books!

From teachers of all the public schools came a hearty response to the invitation, and the pupils are eager to do their part. It is not confined to the public schools either, for at least two of the private schools have already given their support—Miss Galley's school on Mears street and Mr. R. Offerhaus' school at 102 John street. Mr. Offerhaus writes of his pupils that "they are all very willing to do what they can, and I am sure that their contributions will be equal to the occasion." Now these are cheering words, but not a bit more so than what the teachers and principals of the public schools have said. Collectively the effect of what they say is: "We have spoken about the offerings in our schools and feel sure that the result will be quite as satisfactory as it was last year."

This certainly is a bright look out for to-day. Let every child make up his or her mind to help and assuredly children's Christmas in Victoria will be a happy and bright one.

The British Columbia Benevolent Society will collect all the offerings from the schools and will attend to their proper distribution. Anyone knowing of families where there are children whose parents are too poor to give them Christmas presents, should send in the names and addresses with the age and sex of the children, so as to assist the society in distributing the toys. This should be done at once. Letters may also be addressed Children's Christmas and sent to the COLONIST. They will be treated confidentially and only used for the purpose already stated. Private schools intending to take part should also send in their names so that it may be known when to send to collect the offerings.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

The "Empress of India" Completes a Rough and Uneventful Passage From the Orient.

No Orders Yet Received Regarding the Repairs of the "Portland" and the "Detroit."

The R.M.S. Empress of India, O. P. Marshall, R.N.R., commander, arrived in port yesterday with a full cargo of silks and tea from Hongkong and Yokohama. She had had a rough trip across, but luckily the watery mountains were rolling with instead of against her, and the damage done by the storm was not very considerable. The crew did not fare so well as did the ship, for two of the sailors during the run over had limbs fractured and bodies bruised by being dashed by the blow against the houses on deck. The passengers to Victoria included Mr. A B. de Guerville, the New York Herald's war correspondent, who after witnessing the storming of Port Arthur is now returning to New York; he has as a travelling companion a clever and affectionate little Chinese dog, whose owner was one of the Chinese officers killed at Port Arthur. The faithful little animal would have shared the master's fate had not Mr. de Guerville interceded for it. Mr. A. J. H. Carlill, of the well known shipping firm of Dodwell, Carlill & Co., has come over on an important business trip, and will spend a few days in Victoria. Mr. A. H. Lobb, who also comes from Hongkong, is to assume the position of naval storekeeper at Esquimalt, vacated by the resignation of Mr. J. H. Innes. He will enter upon his duties at once. Mr. M. Baggally, Mr. Quackenbush and Mr. Flood are prominent tea merchants travelling for trade as well as pleasure. The other names appearing on the passenger list are: Miss Casterton, Mr. and Mrs. Davis and family, Captain Dewar, Miss C. A. Downey, Mr. T. W. Duff, Mrs Gregory and children, Rev. W. E. Hoy, Miss Rowe, Mr. Charles Schlee, Mr. E. R. Smith, Mr. Stevens, Miss C. Sullivan, Miss S. Sullivan and Mr. and Mrs. Taft and family.

MARINE NOTES

A sensation was caused by the return of Pilot Ettershanks' small boat, bottom up, to Vancouver on Monday. When leaving that port with the Ladstock in charge on Monday the pilot, as usual, took with him his small boat in which he was to return. The boat's condition when found and the fact of his non-arrival in it made his friends very uneasy until they received a telegram from Port Townsend explaining that the boat broke adrift and that Pilot Ettershanks had gone on to Townsend.

Steamer Evangel arrived in last night heavily laden with produce from Dungeness. Included in the cargo were sixty fine Christmas turkeys, purchased by H. Lipsett for the Victoria market.

Steamer Capilano arrived at Vancouver from the Northern halibut fishing grounds Monday night with 7 000 pounds of fish.

Steamer Maude sailed for West Coast points last night with a small freight and a few passengers.

The steamer Geo. E Starr made another trip for the Rosalie yesterday.

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Str. Charmer	from	Vancouver.
" City of Kingston	"	Port Townsend.
" Geo. E. Starr	"	" "
" Richard Holyoke	"	" "
" Empress of India	"	Yokohama.
" Harry Lynn	"	Roche Harbor.

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" Richard Holyoke	"	" "
" Empress of India	"	Vancouver.
" Maude	"	Barclay Sound.
" Harry Lynn	"	Roche Harbor.
Sloop Nellie	"	N. Westminster.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Keen Contests in Winnipeg City—Alexander McMicken Mayor—The Fight in Brandon.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 18.—(Special)—The municipal elections in this city to-day were very keenly contested in all the wards where the candidates were not elected by acclamation. Alexander McMicken was elected mayor by about fifty majority over Thomas Gilroy. In ward 2 W. F. McCreary was elected alderman; ward 3, Geo. Craig; ward 5, J. Sproule. In Brandon city the fight for the mayoralty was between Hon. James Smart, Liberal, and Charles Evans, Conservative. Mr. Smart was elected by 37 majority.

BURIED IN THE SANDS.

Recovery of the Body of a Captain Lost a Year Ago—Valuable Security Recovered.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The body of Captain Overgaard of the ship Don Juane which was wrecked off Lemuig, Denmark, on Dec. 6, 1893, was washed ashore on Saturday last near the spot where the vessel was wrecked. The body, which evidently had been buried deep in the sand and had been uncovered by the recent storm, was well preserved Among the papers found in the clothing were $18,000 in bank notes and American securities which the authorities are holding for the proper claimants. The Don Juan was on a voyage from New York to Gothenburg when she was wrecked.

ITALY'S SCANDAL.

The Senate Commission Finds That the Charges Against Signor Crispi Are Groundless.

ROME, Dec. 18.—At a meeting of the cotton manufacturers in Milan to-day it was decided to send a telegram to the government asking them to suspend the new tax on cotton until Parliament re-assembles adding that otherwise they will close the factories. The Senate commission to which the matter was referred unanimously reported that the charges in the Giolitti documents concerning certain senators are groundless, and that the senators are blameless. It is reported that Giolitti is about to make public in Berlin further allegations against Premier Crispi.

All who have seen our down quilts and wool blankets agree that they are the cheapest in the city. The Sehl-Hastie-Erskine Co.

Headaches, Dizzy

Spells and faintness have been my afflictions for 22 years. Often I would fall in a sudden faint and several times narrowly escaped being burnt on the stove. No medicine gave me more than a few days relief, and I laughed when a friend urged me to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. But I took it and in six months I was free from all headache trouble, faintness or dizziness. **I am now perfectly well.** I cannot say too much in praise of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is worth its weight in gold to me. MRS. R. H. HANES, Paris, Ont.

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NOTICE.

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Desirous of making an acceptable and valued present to their lady friends should call on us, as we have an unrivalled line of goods adapted to the season. We have extra fine Silks, Dress Patterns, Umbrellas, Kid Gloves, Fur-lined Cloaks, Capes and Jackets, Furs (stylish and new), Wrappers, Embroidered Initial and H.S. Handkerchiefs, Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, Embroidered Ties, Silk Hose, Real Lace Sets, Collars, Cuffs, Handkerchiefs, Fans, etc. Also Beautiful Chenille Covers and Curtains, Eider Down Quilts, etc., etc.

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Guitars,
Mandolins,
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Musical Boxes, 50c up,
Music Folios,
Music Cases,
Ocarinas,
Piano Stools (fine line),
Piano Scarfs,
Piccolos,
Violins, $2 up
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Sir Donald's Subscription.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—The national subscription for the family of the late Sir John Thompson promises to be a fitting one. Sir Donald Smith who arrived in England Tuesday and learned of Sir John Thompson's death has cabled $5,000 to the fund.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

First Session of the Seventh Parliament.

TWENTIETH DAY.

TUESDAY, Dec. 18, 1894.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 p. m.

Prayers by Rev. Canon Beanlands.

MR RITHET presented the first report of the public accounts committee, as follows: "That the balance at credit in Bank of British Columbia on account parliament buildings at this date is $401,277 39; that the balance at debit of the current account with Bank of British Columbia at this date is $537,414.28; that the expenditure brought to account from the 1st July, 1894, to 31st October, 1894 (exclusive of parliament buildings), is $325,567 97; that the receipts from revenue during the same period, per statement herewith, are $279,388 50. In explanation of the difference between expenditure and receipts as above given, it may be stated, as in the committee's report dated 5th February, 1894, that the receipts for the period covered are always small as compared with the expenditure. That the interest on overdraft is 5 per cent. per annum, and on special deposit 4 per cent. per annum. That the taxes due and unpaid under 'assessment act' to 30th June, 1894, amount to (approximately) $115,300."

THE BUDGET.

MR. SEMLIN resumed the debate on the motion for committee of supply. He compared the Minister of Finance to Mark Tapley, in having come out strong under adverse circumstances, though he (Mr. Semlin) could not feel so cheerful himself. He met the statement as to the change of opinion in the country shown by the fact of a majority of the electors having voted for the government at the last elections whereas previously the government represented only a minority of the electorate, by arguing that the constituencies had been gerrymandered in so far as the time of polling was concerned, that after the Island returned a solid delegation votes who were not strict party men thought it in the interest of their district to support those who evidently would control the public expenditure for the next four years. He declared also that if the proper notice had been given in Cariboo General Kinchant would have made a more thorough canvass which might have materially affected the result, as for a stranger that gentleman had in a short time done remarkably well. He attributed the over-expenditure of the past year largely to the desire on the part of the government to put themselves right with the people before the elections. He criticised the argument that the formation of municipalities is responsible for a falling off in the revenue, because, he said, they have been formed now for a long time, and while they do take some of the provincial revenue they govern themselves, and thus ought to reduce the cost of the general government. He claimed that the districts had been starved into forming separate municipalities, taxing themselves even higher than the government had, but seeing that they got a dollar's worth for every dollar spent. He questioned whether the mining receipts estimated can be justifiably taken as at present from the mine laborers, this system having been very properly objected to as a tax upon labor. The shrinking of the receipts from land sales, and the promised efforts of the government to collect the arrears he next criticised, declaring that next year would probably be the most unfavorable in the history of the province to compel the agricultural community to pay up anything. The people have not the money and cannot get it, having been impoverished by flood and by drought, and by the low price of products generally, and if confiscation is to follow failure to pay there will be a very large area of land confiscated. He feared that the estimate of $180,000 of receipts from this source would fall far short of being realized. Dealing with the estimated increase for stationery he suggested that a more feasible way of economising than by curtailing sessional papers would be to have the bookbinding carried out on a more business-like plan, giving the work to the lowest qualified tenderer. He held that the government have been paying double what they might have had the work done for. While the Minister had mentioned the progress of agriculture as something for which presumably he wished the government to receive credit, he (Mr. Semlin) would like to know if it is only this year that farming has improved in this country, or if it is in any way owing to the operations of the bureau of agriculture. He read from the Farmers' Advocate published in London, Ont., and Winnipeg, an article complimentary of the government for their efforts on behalf of agriculture, and said that while he would not accuse the Minister of prompting that article himself whoever did so must have drawn upon his imagination. He commended one subject particularly to the attention of the department of agriculture—that of the spread of tuberculosis amongst cattle, for he felt that this is a most serious matter, and if the herds of the whole province are to be quarantined and submitted to the tuberculin test, and the cattle supposed to be infected are killed, the loss to the farming community will be equal to the cost of the parliament buildings twice over. He would like to know if the province is to compensate the farmers, or if they are to be compensated at all, for the loss, which in some cases at least has not been called for, as of the cattle killed he believed many were found to be sound.

HON MR. DAVIE—What are the names of the owners of those sound cattle?

MR SEMLIN—I don't know their names.

HON. MR. DAVIE—You should find out the names before making a statment of that sort.

MR. SEMLIN, continuing, referred to the financial operations on the London stock market, and he inquired whether or not it is a fact that that market was disturbed last summer by rumors set afloat by Col. Kane or Mr. Bakeman in connection with the British Pacific railway project. He had asked for certain correspondence from the financial agent in connection with the Nakusp bonds, and had been told that it should not be published because it is of a confidential nature, but he thought that this correspondence if made public would show that there were such rumors as mentioned which were held to have produced a disquieting effect. He thought the house ought to know if the London money market is so sensitive that it can be disturbed by rumors set afloat by Chicago speculators. He defended the expenditure called in question by the Finance Minister of the immense sum laid out on the Hope and Westminster road in 1874, but he proceeded to criticize several of the items appearing in the estimates for next year, commencing with the vote again asked for a fifth minister, which he thought ought to be eliminated, as the government by leaving the portfolio vacant since the lamented death of Mr. Robson have shown that it is unnecessary. He regretted that nothing was said in the budget about the repeal of the mortgage tax, which he considered an unjust burden on those whose resources are already being drained for the advantage of the mortgage holders and nobody else. He thought that economies could be effected in the civil service to the full amount of the mortgage tax and the mining licenses paid by men working in the mines. He cri[illegible] the appointment of an extra road [illegible] superintendent in West Lillooet, holdin[illegible] to have been entirely unnecessary. [illegible] He noticed that the Finance Minister [illegible] we should not now take in sail. H[illegible] was not a sailor, but he thought he [illegible] when sail ought to be taken in.

HON. [illegible]—When?

MR [illegible]—Speaking financially, when you see bankruptcy ahead; speaking nautically, when you see breakers ahead (Great laughter.) He thought that sail should never have been crowded on to the extent it had been. In conclusion he charged the government with extravagance in the matter of officials, thus making necessary a reduction in the outlay on roads, streets and bridges.

MR. PRENTICE recounted several items of explanation which he said he had expected to hear in the budget speech, only to be disappointed. Having given an array of figures which he said he had extracted or deduced from the public accounts he accused the government of having borrowed without the authority of the legislature an amount of about half a million dollars. He objected to comparing the condition of British Columbia with that of the United States or the Australian colonies, but himself proceeded to make a comparison with the other provinces of the Dominion of Canada, much to the disadvantage of British Columbia, particularly emphasizing the provincial debt per head of the population. In this "over-governed, strangled, struggling" province, he declared, the expenditure is $25 and the debt $50 per head of the whole white population. He defended his previous figures with respect to the Nakusp and the provincial bonds, declaring his inability to understand why the railway securities are worth less than the direct bonds of the province—backing his opinion by his twelve years' experience as a bank clerk, which had not shown him any difference between the straight note of a wealthy customer and one merely bearing his endorsement. He contended that the Nakusp bonds had only netted 102 and not 104, because he deducted the liability on account of the interest coupon coming due at the time of sale. If the Nakusp bonds, running twenty-five years, are worth only 102——

HON. MR TURNER—104 net.

MR PRENTICE insisted that his calculation of 102 was correct and proceeded to argue that that price for the railway bonds is equivalent to only 82 or 83 for the provincial 3 per cents, and that when the latter were quoted at 98 or 99 the Nakusp bonds should have sold at about 117.

MR. RITHET thought the government might congratulate themselves on the very mild attack made upon the statement of the Minister of Finance, for it might have been expected that the hon. gentlemen opposite would find much greater fault with the accounts and other financial statements. He could safely congratulate the Minister upon the very plain straightforward statement he had made to the house on the very important matters now engaging attention. That hon. gentleman had given what he (Mr. Rithet) would call a plain, unvarnished tale—stating the facts without any endeavor to color them. He felt sure that members on both sides of the house would sympathise with the government in the very difficult task on hand as the result of altogether exceptional conditions within and without the province, which had had a serious if not an alarming effect upon the finances of the past year. It speaks well for the government, he considered, that they are giving a good example to the community in standing by their guns and showing their faith in the country by providing liberal expenditures for public improvements, and continuing in this respect the policy of the house for several years past. It would have been a serious mistake to show a disposition to unnecessarily limit the expenditure on public works intended for the development of the country. Whatever may be said as to the deficit he thought that—having, as no doubt all the members of the house have, the greatest faith in the province—the present debt and the deficit are no great obstacle for so young and rich a country to face. Prudence and good government would, he felt sure, tide over the present depressed and trying period, and with an improvement in the conditions outside he hoped for better times in this province in the near future. There are many circumstances which seem to warrant the progressive course the government have decided upon, and when the opposition come to more carefully look into the question he thought they will scarcely venture to find serious fault with the general policy of the government, especially with regard to the expenditure. He did not think it necessary to refer again at this time to the floods and some other matters which had been introduced, but the hon. leader of the opposition was scarcely fair when he said that the statements before the house show an outlay of only $30,000 on account of the flood relief.

MR SEMLIN—That was to the 30th of June.

MR. RITHET said he had not so understood the hon. gentleman, who if he had looked would have seen a much larger sum mentioned for sums consequent on floods and fires throughout the country. He was wrong also in his statement of the expenditure for roads and bridges, for in addition to the $199,400 in the main estimates there is $170,000 in the supplementaries for that purpose. In reference to Mr. Semlin's remarks on the subject of the Yale wagon road, the Minister of Finance had not been quite fairly quoted, for as would be remembered he had mentioned that subject in answer to the statement of the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Kidd) that in 1874 the expenditure on public works was $290,000. In reply the Minister had shown that of the amount mentioned $100,000 went for the Yale road. He thought if the hon. gentlemen opposite will give attention to a fair criticism of the intended expenditures they will see that they are very fairly planned, and that the policy of the government will be in the future as in the past in the interest of development. Mr. Prentice he considered had been unfair in his criticism of the public accounts, especially in connection with the government buildings. As a member of the public accounts committee that hon. gentleman had been put in possession of the whole facts, and knew that while part of the special deposit on account of the buildings loan had been drawn upon for other purposes, the amount so utilized has since been repaid, as members may see from the statement presented in the report of the committee to-day. He thought it scarcely fair for the hon. gentlemen opposite to compare the per capita debt of this province and its taxation with those of Ontario, which is well settled and provided with roads in every direction, and where there is not the same necessity for spending money in opening up new territory as there is here, where so many new sections have to be attended to year by year. He hoped to have an opportunity of speaking again in committee, and therefore for the present would content himself with endorsing the action of the government in connection with the estimates now before the house. He hoped that when they came to be discussed in committee the hon. gentlemen opposite would be found to be with the government on a great many more questions than would be inferred from their remarks to-day. (Applause)

MR. KIDD, dealing with the finances from the farming standpoint, as a representative of the farmers, advocated more liberal expenditure in the improvement of the roads in his district.

MR KENNEDY criticised the travelling expenses allowed the officials of the government, and also the payment of sessional allowances to cabinet ministers. He thought the public money might better be expended on the encouragement of creameries and cheese factories than in what he considered unproductive works such as the new government buildings.

MR BOOTH took issue with the members who said that the government had starved certain sections into forming municipalities. He contended that such municipalities were rather fed into their separate organization, and he thought it a question worthy of serious consideration whether or not portions of the community should be allowed, after having helped to incur certain liabilities, to escape by forming into municipalities from paying their share towards wiping off the indebtedness. If the government go on developing territory only to create new municipalities and leave the greater part of the debt incurred for such development for the rest of the province to pay off, serious difficulties may be expected. In connection with the government's scheme for the collection of arrears, he said that the sooner this matter is brought to an issue the better it will be for the country. The measures proposed by the Finance Minister cannot be considered as harsh. One of the great sources of troubles for the province is that people have grasped more land than they have been able to handle or ever expected to handle. Land has been taken simply to hold until it may be disposed of at advanced figures. The actual farming of the country is small compared to the amount of land held, and until some radical change is made he felt there cannot be much advance in the interests of agriculture in the province. He declared himself as opposed to the practice of spending money to open up lands altogether unsettled, holding that the lands already settled should receive first attention, as is the procedure in the province of Ontario. The inference drawn by Mr. Prentice with respect to the debt of British Columbia compared with Ontario was next touched upon, Mr. Booth pointing out that if the indebtedness of the counties, village municipalities and cities be taken into account a very different result will be arrived at from that stated to the house. In Ontario the province does not assume responsibility for many expenditures which this province bears to a very large extent, the municipalities there taking the burden. He charged Mr. Kidd with inconsistency in preaching retrenchment and at the same time demanding more liberal treatment for his own district of New Westminster, and showed that over $500,000 has been spent in that district already for roads, streets and bridges. He expressed the opinion that as the conviction forces itself upon the people that they can no longer make easy livings in the cities, as they have done in the past, during boom times, they will be forced to take to the land, and he would welcome the arrival of that day as the beginning of real prosperity for the province. (Applause.)

MR. MACPHERSON argued at considerable length with a view to proving that the districts represented by opposition members do not get a fair share of the appropriations.

HON. MR MARTIN said the applications made by members of the opposition to his department are in striking contrast to their professions of economy in this house. He had one hon. gentleman in mind, for instance, who had made application for appropriations for his district amounting to $51,000! If the government were to accede to such demands they would have to borrow, not a million at a time, but thirty or forty millions as they borrow in England. (Hear, hear.) With reference to what had been said about the spread of tuberculosis, he wished to emphasize the importance of making the very greatest efforts to prevent the disease being communicated to the herds in the upper country, and thus obviating the utter ruin of the farmers. With respect to what had been said about compensation and the killing of sound cattle, he felt he was committing no breach of confidence in saying that the government contemplate paying for cattle which having been killed are found to be not diseased, as he believed is done in Ontario. The criticism of the government on this point therefore falls to the ground. He wished to refer to several other matters, and as the hour was getting late he would move the adjournment of the debate until to-morrow.

Motion agreed to, after brief discussion.

TIMBER DUES.

MR WILLIAMS asked: Is it the intention of the government to claim and retain the lumber cut at Leamy & Kyle's mill, Vancouver, and now in the yard of said mill, for timber dues, to the exclusion of the wages due by Leamy & Kyle to the men employed by them, for cutting said lumber, amounting to $1,900?

HON. MR MARTIN—I am advised that the lumber in the yard will realize much more than the amount due on both accounts. The lumber in the yard is valued at $12 000; the amount due the government is $4,900, and for wages $1,900, making a total of $6,800 and leaving a surplus of about $5,200.

MR. WILLIAMS declared that the lumber has been already sold, subject to the government lien, for $250.

SUNDAY LEGISLATION.

MR MCPHERSON asked: Is it the intention of the government, in view of the many petitions re Sunday legislation, to introduce any legislation on the matter this session?

HON. MR. DAVIE—I may state to the hon. gentleman that that matter is under consideration. (Applause)

The house adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Sword—For a return showing the nature of the balances due on unsurveyed lands, and the location of such lands; also the balances due on surveyed lands, with various specified particulars.

Hon. Mr. Turner—That this house on Thursday next resolve itself into a committee of ways and means for raising the supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

QUESTION TO BE PUT.

Mr. Semlin—What amount, if any, has been paid on government bookbinding since July 1st, 1894?

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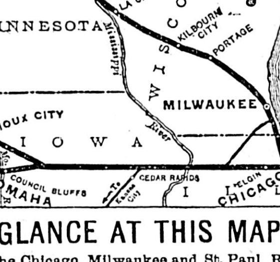

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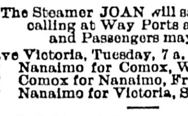

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Shawnigan Lake	28	" 9.34	" 3.36	50	" 10.50	" 3.56
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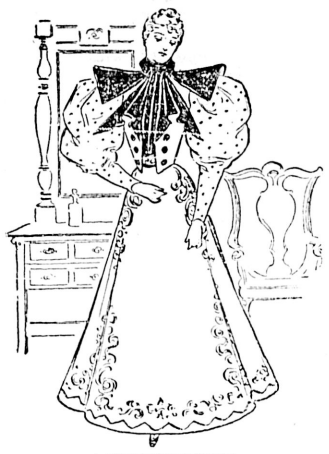

A STYLISH COSTUME.

entirely of velvet has a touch of it somewhere. Fur, which was so extensively used for trimming last year, is in greater demand than ever, sable and chinchilla taking the lead. This in itself is not elegant enough for the season's magnificence, so it is combined with jet in the most novel manner. Large jet ornaments are set a few inches apart in a band of sable, and jet galons are bordered with fur on either edge, while rosettes of fur alternate with jet in other trimmings. Feather trimmings vie with fur for popularity, being very tightly curled and sometimes ornamented with jet motifs. Jet passementeries are to be very much worn, and the latest designs are characterized by satin beads of various sizes in place of the sequins used so much last year. Crepons are more varied and novel in design than ever. Some of them resemble the veinings of wood, while others have the appearance of Persian lamb.

One of the latest novelties is caracule crepon, which has the peculiar wavy surface of the fur. Many of the new cloths are patterned in black on color, and frieze suitings in dark shades, with flat, tiny loops of light color, or in black on red, blue or brown, are among the new goods. Plain cloths are worn, and tweeds, both rough and smooth, with every mixture of color interwoven, are a favorite material for traveling and morning wear. Periwinkle, or hyacinth blue, in a variety of shades, is the most fashionable color of the season and is used in cloth, moire and velvet.

Many of the gowns are made in combination with some striking color, such as brown with a crude green, blue with fawn, tan and mauve and dark blue with red. A pretty walking costume of periwinkle blue cloth has a plain full skirt braided around the bottom and up each side to the waist with braid of a darker shade, which has the touch of cream white in it. The round vest of cream white silk has a braided belt, and the Spanish or Eton jacket effect, which is being made so much by Felix, has folded revers and a wide collar, which is square in the back, of cream white silk braided to correspond with the skirt. Revers are either very broad or else not worn at all, and in many cases where the bodice is cut away to show a vest revers are entirely dispensed with, and the edge is finished with a band of galon. A novel costume of black velvet and cloth has a skirt of black velvet plaited all around and sewed to the edge of a cloth basque, which, like the

VELVET AND CLOTH GOWNS.

bodice, is striped with jet. Each plait is drawn in at the top to form a rosette. The belt and collar are of red velvet, with bows at the back.

The growing amplitude of skirts at the bottom is not at all displeasing, now that all street costumes must be made to clear the ground. They fit as closely as ever on the hips, and the full, expanding sides are closely gathered over the hips, plainly gored in front and box plaited in the back. Tailor's canvas is used to stiffen skirts at the bottom. According to the authority already quoted, the New York Sun, the materials for evening dresses are more gorgeous than ever, but fashion was never more accommodating in the matter of renovating old dresses. Every sort of a fancy waist is admissible for evening as well as afternoon dress, and chiffon is the most popular material.

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Prune soufflé is both tasty and economical. This is the way to make it: Twenty-eight prunes stewed in as little water as possible. Press through a colander; add the whites of 4 eggs and 6 tablespoonfuls of sugar. Bake a delicate brown and serve with whipped cream.

Brown bread pudding is another simple dessert that is served with whipped cream. This is made of a cupful of brown bread crumbs, a pint of milk, 3 tablespoonfuls of sugar, yolks of 3 eggs and a little salt. Add last of all the whites of the eggs beaten to a stiff froth. Bake and serve cold with whipped cream.

Economical cream pies are made as follows: Two eggs, a cupful of sugar, a small teaspoonful of soda, 2 of cream tartar, not quite half a cupful of cold water and 1¾ cupfuls of flour. A pint of cream is sufficient for the two pies.

A novel ginger cake is composed of a cupful of sugar, one-half cupful of butter and 2 eggs. Dissolve one-half teaspoonful of soda in one-half cupful of milk. Add about 2 cupfuls of flour, in which sift a teaspoonful of cream tartar. Add also a tablespoonful of ginger. Bake slowly about three-quarters of an hour in a square baking sheet, and when cool make two layers and spread whipped cream between and on top. A little grated cocoanut dusted over before serving is an improvement.

Brownie Matchholder.

It is made of one of the little jars that extract of beef is put up in. Most persons throw away these jars as useless because they are without covers.

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HOLDER DECORATED WITH BROWNIES.

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The figures are put in wherever a space for them can be found. A narrow brown satin ribbon is then tied around the rim of the jar in a jaunty little bow, and the result is a dainty little matchholder that any one would be glad to possess.

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ESQUIMALT STATION, Dec. 18, 1894.
Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

1 a. m.	36°	Mean 37°	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a. m..	36°		
9 a. m..	35°	Highest 41°	5 a.m.—4 N.
1 p. m..	41°		1 p.m.—Calm.
5 p. m..	38°	Lowest 32°	9 p.m.—Calm.
9 p. m..	34°		Rain—.00

Average state of weather—Fair.
Sunshine—6 hr. 06 min.
E. BAYNES REED, Observer.

PASSENGERS.

Per Steamer CHARMER from Vancouver—J G Bailey, M Davidson, W J Andrews, R Widerman, H Evans, Miss Elliott, C A Lett, Mrs McLaughlan, Justice Drake, J C Maclure, Miss Barron, P S Lampman, Geo Bothwick, A Reid, H Pim, M J Appleby, Capt Christiansen, Capt Cates, Miss Dawson, B J Short, D W Gillier, T Crompton, A St Geo Hammersley, Wm Farrell, S Meyers, W J Holden, Capt Soule, Miss Murray, B P Robins, F Rudge, Mrs John Robson, F H Carestines, H McCormack, J L Brown, H McCormick, M G Drummond, Mrs Drummond.

Per Str CITY OF KINGSTON from the Sound—J Tyson, D Kennedy, M Crane, Geo Winters, C E Peabody, Mrs Claxton, J W Kimball, J Bosh, J E Armstrong, Capt J McCarty, J Brewer, Japanese, Miss McTlxh, S G Yerkes, Capt Chilcot, Mrs Ransome, Cecil Tracy, Quen Loy.

Per steamer GEO. E STARR from the Sound—F. B Lamson, Mrs Munger, O Campbell, V W Mitchell, J A Brown, W S Burkett, Val Buckner, F M Pugh, J N Levison, E B Root, A J Berris, J C McNeil.

CONSIGNEES.

Per Steamer CHARMER from Vancouver—Stem'er & Earle, J A Thurston, A McQueen, Lindley & Foster, J H Todd, O'Kell & M, Wm Hamilton Mfg Co, R H Jamieson, R P Rithet, Order Turner B & Co, Simon Leiser, W Blackie, Wilson Bros, Young Bros, T Earle, Dom Ex P Co, Amnesty & Howell Blair & Gordon.

Per Str. CITY OF KINGSTON from the Sound—McPhee & Moore, Turner Beeton & Co, McMillan & H, V & B, Lowenburg & Co, H B Co, S Bros, M W Ward & Co, T N Hibben & Co, J Piercy & Co, S H E & Co, Beatty & Hall, Bank of B C, Chee Chung, Seth B Stevens, C W Rogers, E H Pearse, M W Waitt & Co, H J Fawcett, R Jamieson, M Asia, J G Cleaver, A Cooptman, Govt Ptg Office, F McFarland, M J Waters, H A Lilly, Erskine Wall & Co, J Sampson.

Per steamer GEO E STARR from the Sound—Order of E Blackwell, Philip R Smith, Schl Hastie Fur Co, W Cressell, S M Roper, Weeks & Robson.

STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

Values Depressed—Rumors That the Sugar Tariff Will Again Come Up in the Senate.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—During the early session at the Stock Exchange the market was quiet almost to stagnation. Chicago Gas was the only stock that showed any signs of life. Recently it has been depressed on reports that it was unable to pay its dividends in cash. These rumors led to selling for both accounts, and the price was forced down to 69⅝. Semi official denials of these stories resulted in the covering of "short" contracts to-day and a recovery of over two points to 71⅝. There was little or nothing doing in the general list until the last hour or so of business, when trading became more active. The increase in the volume of business, however, was at the expense of values. The withdrawals of gold from the sub-treasury gave the "bears" an opportunity to create uneasiness because it was impossible to obtain from the sub-treasury officials the actual amount taken. Washington reports that the sugar tariff will be revived in the senate hurts that stock. The decline in prices ranged from ¼ to 1⅝ per cent. The market closed steady at declines ranging from ¼ to 1 per cent., American sugar leading. Closing bids: Atchison, 4½; Burlington & Quincy, 71½; Canada Southern, 50½; Canadian Pacific, 59; Central Pacific 14¾; Chicago, Cincinnati, Columbus & St. Louis, 39, Delaware & Lackawanna, 160½; Erie, 10; Wells Fargo Express, 105; Great Northern, preferred, 101½; Lake Shore, 146; Louisville & Nashville, 53⅜; New York Central, 99¼; New York & New England, 31⅞; North American Co., 3⅞; Northern Pacific, 4; Northern Pacific, preferred, 17¼; Northwest, 98½; Oregon Navigation, 18; Oregon Improvement, 11; Pacific Mail, 21½; Reading, 14⅝; Rock Island, 62½; St. Paul, 59½; Texas Pacific, 95⅝; Union Pacific, 11½; Western Union, 88¾; Bar silver, 59⅞c. per ounce.

Gold Shipments to Europe.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The shipments of gold to Europe to-morrow amount to $1,750,000 and of this Lazard Freres ship $750,000, and Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co. $1 000 000 These two firms withdraw $2,000,000 from the sub-treasury and the balance will go forward later in the week. There was $500,000 withdrawn in addition from the sub-treasury by banks. The actual gold balance is now about nine million.

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Victoria, B.C., July 1, 1893. ap5 GEO. GILLESPIE, MANAGER.

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Victoria, B. C., Jan. 17, 1893.
To Dean & Cryderman, druggists.
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no2

NOTICES.

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NOTICE

In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph Johnson Southgate, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all creditors and persons having any claims against the estate of Joseph Johnson Southgate, deceased, are hereby required to send in particulars thereof to Messrs. Pemberton & Son, Fort street, Victoria, on or before the 1st day of January, A.D. 1895, and notice is hereby also given that after that day the Executors of the said will of the said deceased will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the said Executors shall then have notice, and that they will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose debt or claim they shall not then have had notice.

Dated at Victoria, this 1st day of December, A.D. 1894.

DRAKE, JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
Solicitors for Alexander Munro and Frederick Bernard Pemberton, the Executors. de1-1m

Re MARGARET BOYCE LANG, Deceased.

Pursuant to the Trustees and Executors Act, notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any debts, claims or demands upon or against the estate of Margaret Boyce Lang, of Golden, British Columbia, who died on the 16th day of July, 1894, and of whose estate letters of administration were granted on the 16th day of November, 1894, to Alfred Cornelius Flumerfelt, of Victoria, are hereby required to send in the particulars of their claims or demands, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of January, 1895, after which date the administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the debts, claims and demands of which he shall then have had notice; and for the assets or any part thereof so administered or distributed he will not be liable to any person of whose debt, claim or demand he shall not then have had notice. And all persons indebted to the estate of the said deceased are required forthwith to pay the amount of their debts respectively to the said administrator.

Dated the 28th day of November, 1894.

EBERTS & TAYLOR,
30 Langley street, Victoria,
Solicitors for the said Administrator.
no29-1m.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that we intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria at 1st next session for a transfer of the license issued to us to sell liquors by retail upon the premises known as the Germania Saloon, situated on the northwest corner of Government and Johnson streets, in the City of Victoria, to Robert Rither.

Dated this day the 21st of November, 1894.
no22-30d LOEWEN & ERB.

NOTICE.

Persons owning property on streets along which sewers are now being laid are requested to furnish information at the office of the City Engineer as to the manner in which they wish their premises connected with the public sewers.

E. A. WILMOT,
City Engineer.
September 10, 1894. sell tf

NOTICE

King's Road, between Douglas and First Streets, is closed to public traffic till further notice.

E. A. WILMOT,
City Engineer.
December 13, 1894. de14

NOTICE.

Yates Street, between Broad and Government Streets, is closed to public traffic.

E. A. WILMOT,
City Engineer.
September 10, 1894. sell-tf

NOTICE.

Fort Street, between Wharf and Langley Streets, is closed to public traffic till further notice.

E. A. WILMOT,
City Engineer.
December 12, 1894. de13

Bank of British Columbia.

SAVINGS BANK DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS.

From 1st January, 1895, and until further notice, the rate of interest allowed on Savings Bank Deposits by this Bank will be three per cent. (3 per cent.) per annum.

GEORGE GILLESPIE,
Manager.
Bank of British Columbia,
Victoria, 28th November, 1894. no28

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A. J. C. GALLETLY,
Manager.
Victoria, 28th November, 1894. no28

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COMMENCES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

We have secured for our Christmas Sale the following lines, which together with various lots now in stock at greatly reduced prices, will give our customers the opportunity of buying

USEFUL XMAS PRESENTS FOR VERY LITTLE MONEY.

385 doz Silk Handkerchiefs, embroidered and drawn work, 10c, 12½c and 15c. Special values in White Lawn and Linen at 75c and $1.15 for the half dozen.
Art Silks at $1, usual $1.25 quality, new patterns, just to hand.
Doylies, Tray Cloths, Runners, etc., stamped, ready for working, new patterns.
Linen Goods, Napkins, Runners, Tray Cloths, etc., slightly soiled, considerably reduced.
Down Pillows, covered sateen and silk, all qualities, 25c to $5.
Down Pillows, Cosies, Head Rests, etc., covered white muslin, all shapes and sizes.

Fancy Articles, made up—Toilet Sets, Handkerchief Cases, Chair Backs, etc., etc., very large assortment at close prices.
Belding's and Brainerd & Armstrong's Silk Cords, etc.
Ladies' Aprons, various new styles, from 25c. Cooking Aprons, 25c.
Children's Pinafores, 25c to 75c.
Children's Crepon Dresses, for afternoon wear, at below cost of mak'g.
Children's Coats grey and fawn, trim'd fur, very special value at $1 35.
Laeies' Stuff Blouses, very cheap lines, 75c to $1.15. Silk Blouses greatly reduced
35 doz. Corsets, white and drab, usual selling price $2.75 all new goods just in; we sell them this month at $1.50.

Silk Surahs, all shades; Shot Surahs, 15 shades; Colored Moires, 15 shades; in fact about half our Silk stock at the ridiculous price of 50c per yard; special value in good Black Silks in dress pieces.
Dress Materials, double width, 12½c, 15c, 25c, 40c, etc., etc. These lines are bargains. French Opera Flannels, 25c., all wool.
Pure Silk Hosiery---Ladies', $1.25, $2.95 and $3.75 per pr. Children's at 45c, 55c and 65c.
Ladies' Wool Underwear, 45c, 85c, $1.15; very special value.
In Down Quilts and Blankets we have made special prices.
75 Kensington Carpet Squares (3x3 yds to 4x5 yds), just in this week, from $1 90 per Square. Door Mats, 50c, 60c and 75c.

We have lately received New Trimmed Millinery, also New Untrimmed Felt Hats, Walking Hats and Sailor's Hats, which, as the season is advancing, have been marked with a very small margin of profit.

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FIVE CASES JUST UNPACKED. SEE WINDOWS

Our stock of Jackets, Golf Capes, Cloth Capes, Fur Capes, Wrappers, Tea Gowns, Children's Ulsters and Reefers, Mackintoshes, Ladies' Costumes, Ladies' and Gent's Dressing Gowns, all re-marked at prices that will clear them out before Xmas.

D. SPENCER,

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B. C. PIONEERS'

Annual Dinner at the Victoria—The Veterans Talk Over Old Times.

A Most Enjoyable Occasion — The Toasts and Speeches Made in Response.

The members and friends of the Pioneer Society gathered together once more last night for their annual dinner, and though from the little band assembled last year a number have been called away, the sixty who sat down at the Hotel Victoria were as hale and jolly a crowd as ever met for mutual enjoyment and relaxation. The company did not alone consist of old men, their life's work nearly completed, for among them were brainy middle-aged business men who to-day make themselves and their influence felt as much as ever they did.

It was 8:30 when the signal was given to enter the dining room and in a few minutes all were seated. The room looked exceedingly well, the tables being prettily decorated with flowers and bright with silverware and crystal.

At the head of the horseshoe table sat the president, J. J. Austin, directly under the time-worn banner of the Society, which bears upon it the words "B C. Pioneer Society, organized April 28, 1871. At the chairman's right sat Hon. Theodore Davie, premier of the province, T. J. Burnes, J. A. Clearihue, ex-president, and T. P. Reid. On the left were Mayor Teague, Robert Irving, St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society; A. St. G. Flint, president Sons of Erin; Mr. C. A. Semlin, M.P.P., leader of the opposition, and a number of other members of the local legislature; Judge Harrison, of Nanaimo, and other prominent persons. The pioneers were out in force, from "Bob" Ridley, who came to the province in 1837, down to the younger men whose term of residence just passes the limit entitling them to membership—1870. The dinner was well served, well cooked and in every way enjoyable and toothsome.

The occasion was by no means a formal one. Everyone was there to have a good time. Jolly stories and reminiscences of the old days and friendly talk made the hours pass very pleasantly. Music from piano and violin stationed just outside the diningroom helped to further enliven the proceedings.

The edibles having been disposed of, the President, Mr. J. J. Austin, called the company to order and proposed

"The Queen," which was responded to with loyal enthusiasm, as was also the toast "The Prince of Wales and Royal Family."

To "The President of the U. S." Mr. T. J Burnes responded, Chief Sheppard also saying a few graceful words complimentary to the people of the neighboring republic.

Vice-President Humphrey next proposed the toast of the Governor-General.

Mr. W. Templeman responded as a loyal subject of the realm and as a Scotchman in the second degree removed. The present incumbent of the office was a worthy one. Canada had been fortunate in having a long line of able Governor-Generals, who when they retired did not forget Canada and did they best they could for the country.

The President then called upon Mr Frank Richards for a song, and he favored the company with that old favorite, "Home Again from a Foreign Shore," everyone joining in the chorus.

Ex President Clearihue had the pleasant duty of proposing the health of that brother pioneer the Lieutenant-Governor. He took them back to the days of old, the days of gold, in which His Honor had taken part. The difficulties and the dangers of those times required the energies of the best of the young men of the country. He then paid a tribute to the worth of the late Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie, whose firm hand had in those times made the power of the law supreme. If his tongue could speak what his soul felt he could unfold thrilling tales of the dangers and perils which those hardy pioneers encountered in passing through the rapid and boiling waters of the mighty Fraser in quest of gold, or when travelling over the trails, making their camps with only the canopy of heaven above them. In 1871, having passed through all these perils, they placed British Columbia the brightest gem in the diadem of the Dominion. Since then cities had been built, the province had progressed, and what the pioneers had fought for was now being consummated. The Lieutenant-Governor was unavoidably absent, but he was with them in spirit. (Applause.)

Hon Mr. Davie was deeply grateful for the honor of responding to the toast. Every word of eulogy pronounced by Mr. Clearihue applied to the Lieutenant-Governor. He observed that the music opposite the toast was that of the "Fine Old English Gentleman." Yes! and "a Canadian gentleman," it might be added. Without trenching on politics he would note a saying of many years ago, that "we should grow our own Governor," and indeed in the person of Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney we had done so, (Applause.) He was a man whom to be associated with was to respect in the highest degree. His worth was also recognized in the Dominion, where Sir John A. Macdonald had called him to his cabinet, in which he was at least a compeer of those around him. This was not an empty honor, and it was with regret that his colleagues had parted with him when he became Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia. In his present position the Lieut.-Governor had held the reins with impartiality and never had an opponent of the local or Dominion government said a word detrimental to him. (Applause.) The leader of the opposition who was present would bear these words out. His absence was regretted, but upon such a solemn occasion as that in which he had gone to take part no more fitting representative of the province could have been sent. (Applause.) It would be a proud moment if the Lieut.-Governor were called upon to again enter active political life. No more worthy toast could have been called than the one to which he now spoke, and he (Mr. Davie) only regretted he was so unequal to do it proper justice. All he (Mr. Davie) could say was to wish His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor long life and prosperity. (Applause)

Mr. McArthur sang "Jessie the Flower of Dumblane" with good effect.

Mr. C. E. Redfern proposed the Dominion Senate, Commons and Local Government. He touched upon the matter gracefully, and speaking of the local house held it was one of which the country might be proud.

Hon. Mr. Davie in responding regretted the absence of the worthy representatives of the Dominion Commons and Senate. Lt.-Col. Prior had intended to have been here but was unfortunately ill. Mr. Earle, owing to illness in the family, had also been unable to be present. As regards the city's representatives they were men entitled to our highest respect, and the same was true of the Senators, who reflected credit on the choice of the Dominson government. Coming to the local government he was glad to observe that Mr. Redfern had given credit to both the opposition and the government for acting as honest and conscientious men trying to do the best they could for the country. It was indeed a pleasure to hear due credit given to both sides. As regards the government he had little to say, and with respect to the opposition he was glad to see they had chosen as their leader a gentleman for whom there was such general respect. He thought the future of the country was pretty well assured, and was certain that nothing very wrong would be passed by such a house as the present. (Applause.)

Mr. Semlin returned thanks for the toast. He wished also to appear as a pioneer. Not very long ago he was a member of the society in Victoria and could speak as one of themselves. (Applause.) He was proud to be a Canadian and a British subject. No higher boast could be made to-day than that a man was a British subject, whether he lived in Canada, Australia or any other part of the Empire. Responsible government made the people of the province the choosers of their own representatives, and he would advise them to elect those who were intelligent and honest, and avoid those who wanted to forward simply their own interests and to get an appropriation for their own district. It was the duty of a representative to act in the interests of the whole country as well as of his own constituency. (Applause) He was satisfied that the people of the Province and Dominion were capable of governing their own country, and that we had before us a career of which any country might be proud. He was greatly obliged to the gentleman who preceded him for the kind words he said for the opposition, and could heartily reciprocate them. (Applause)

Mr. Smith, M.P.P., also responded briefly, holding that both sides in the house were doing their best for the country.

Mr. Adams, M.P.P., returned thanks shortly, and was followed by

Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, M.P.P., who gave to the company a message from Hon. Dr. Helmcken, who, recovering from a serious illess, sent his best wishes for the prosperity of the society. (Applause.) He paid a neat compliment to Mr. Semlin on having been chosen leader of the opposition The present government, he added, which he (Mr Helmcken) followed was the one he considered the best fitted to lead the province to prosperity. (Applause)

Mr. Flint at the call of the chair gave "Finnigan's Wake" in grand style.

Mr. McKay proposed the "Army, Navy and Volunteers."

Mr. Blackwood made a capital response.

The Mayor and Council was proposed by Mr. J. B Lovell who noticed that the mayors of Victoria had all been pioneers, and that on the whole the city council had always acted in the interests of the city.

Mayor Teague replying said he would not talk of city politics but he thought the Council had done the best they could for the city. They had come in for a large share of unfair criticism. Everything they did had to be done in public and often people got hold of the wrong end of the story. Having humorously referred to the criticism to which the council were subjected he turned to pioneer reminiscences when he went through rough experiences in 1858.

Ald. Keith-Wilson briefly noticed the growth of the city since 1872. Referring to civic matters he thought the ratepayers should take more interest in coming forward to vote on election day. He complimented the city on its efficient civic officers, referring to the Chief of Police, Mr. Smith, deputy city treasurer, and Mr. Johnson, market superintendent, who were in the room.

Ald. Humphrey—The Mayor being a pioneer speaks a great deal for the pioneers. The pioneers have done everything for the country.

Ald. Humphrey also spoke briefly, saying the pioneers had done a great deal for the city council.

Mr. A. Graham proposed sister societies.

Mr. T. J. Burnes as President of the B C. Benevolent Society thanked the pioneers for their kindly donations every year to help the poor. He touched on the work done by his society towards assisting the more unfortunate classes in the city.

Mr. Robert Irving, president of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society followed, returned thanks

Mr. A. St. G. Flint, president of the Sons of Erin, also responded for his society.

"Sarah's Young Man" was sung with vim by Hon. Mr. Davie in response to a general demand and met with great applause.

"Bench and Bar" was toasted by Mr. A. J. Thain.

Judge Harrison replying, spoke of the satisfactory way in which the great judicial system of the empire worked under responsible government. The bench were taken from the bar and were a credit to the province and the country at large.

Hon. Mr. Davie alluding to some remarks made earlier in the evening, said that the act respecting the government of cities, now before the house, was for the purpose of goading the ratepayers to go to the polls to take an interest in civic affairs. It was not with any idea of reflecting upon the mayor and council, who had, he felt sure, done their best for the city. Touching on the bench and bar he told some amusing instances of his first legal experiences.

Mr. H. D. Helmcken, Q C, also replied to the toast.

Mr. E C. Johnson proposed "The Press" in a neat little speech, which was replied to by Mr. W. Templeman, Mr. M. Egan and Mr. L Macrae.

The toast of the "Visiting Pioneers" was answered by Mr. Reid and Mr. Innes.

The last toast, that of "The Ladies," was proposed by Mr. Smith and responded to by Mr. Helmcken.

The party broke up at an early hour this morning.

CABLE ITEMS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Duke of Cumberland's son will succeed to the Brunswick throne in 1898, when he will came of age. The Czar, as the Duke's friend and relative, is said to have worked for this reconciliation with Emperor William.

The long-pending boundary question between Paraguay and Bolivia has been at last settled by a treaty agreement between the two countries. Bolivia acquires territory which gives her an outlet along the right bank of the Paraguay for a distance of about twenty leagues.

In the Spanish chamber the government motion to remove the import duty on wool was defeated by a vote of 52 to 38 Amos Salvador, minister of finance, has resigned, and the other ministers are considering the situatinn.

The republic of Honduras has adopted the gold dollar of the United States as its standard coin.

Brisson, Radical, has been elected president of the French chamber of deputies.

The diamond cutters of Amsterdam have strck and are parading the streets.

NEW RELIGIOUS LAWS.

The Pope Blames the Emperor of Austria for Signing Them.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Buda Pesth correspondent of the Daily News says: "It is said that the Pope is extremely vexed at the Emperor Francis Joseph, for signing Premier Wekerle's new religious laws, and has instructed the Papal Nuncio to protest. It is reported that His Holiness has also written to the Emperor on the subject. The Cardinal Primate of Hungary is expected to visit Rome shortly to confer with the Pope.

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No Piano this Year.

Canadian law will not allow us to give our customers a Piano this year so we have decided to give 10 per cent. discount during December. GEO. H. MAYNARD, 35 Douglas Street.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

B.C. Circle 118, Companions of the Forest will hold a special meeting on Friday 21st inst. Election of officers. de19-2t J. P. HANCOCK, Sec.

Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

The usual Christmas Donations of all kinds will be thankfully received at the Hospital, or if intending donors will kindly drop a postal card to Mr. Robert Jeakinson, the House Steward, he will send to any address named, and gladly take charge of any gifts. de19-td

TORONTO TOPICS.

Latest Developments in the Boodling Investigation—A Big Sporting Event Arranging.

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—(Special)—At the boodle investigation to-day John Carter, Alderman Hall's confidential clerk, swore that Alfred Smith had told him that if he would use his influence to induce John Hallam to withdraw his opposition to the granting of the electric railway franchise to the Keely Everett syndicate, $10,000 would be placed to his credit in the bank within twenty-four hours. Carter swore that he did not till recently speak of the matter. The city council is now trying to trace a draft for $20,000 made by Coleman on the same party in 1891.

The city council has passed a long resolution of condolence with the family of the late Sir John Thompson, reviewing his career and referring to his great services to Canada.

A case of smallpox is reported from Komoko, the patient being a young man named Sutherland, who went there from London two weeks ago, and appears to have caught the disease on the train.

John Lenn, Patron member-elect in the provincial house for Haldimand, will not oppose the petition to unseat him, as he admits he was not eligible as a candidate by his position as issuer of marriage licenses.

There is every possibility of an English team visiting Canada next fall, which will be the greatest international visitation yet. It is proposed to bring out a combined team of cricketers and Rugby footballers. The suggestion came from Lucas, of Lord Hawke's team. It seems feasible, and if practicable will undoubtedly be carried into effect. They will probably come in September.

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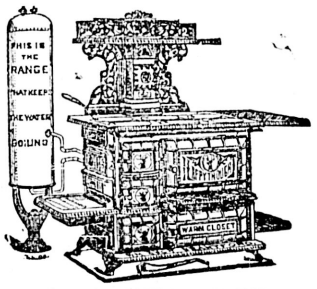

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